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NAZIS IN SEDAN: RAPID ADVANCE EAST OF MEUSE

THE ENTIRE AREA OF BELGIUM, EAST OF THE MEUSE RIVER, IS NOW IN GERMAN HANDS.
This area comprising the Ardennes mountain region stretches from the Luxembourg border westward to the Meuse.
The Germans are on the right bank of the Meuse on which lies the important Belgian cities of Liege, Namur, Dinant and, in French territory, Sedan.
Sedan, one of the big cities on the Franco-Belgian border which was the scene of bitter fighting 25 years ago was evacuated yesterday.

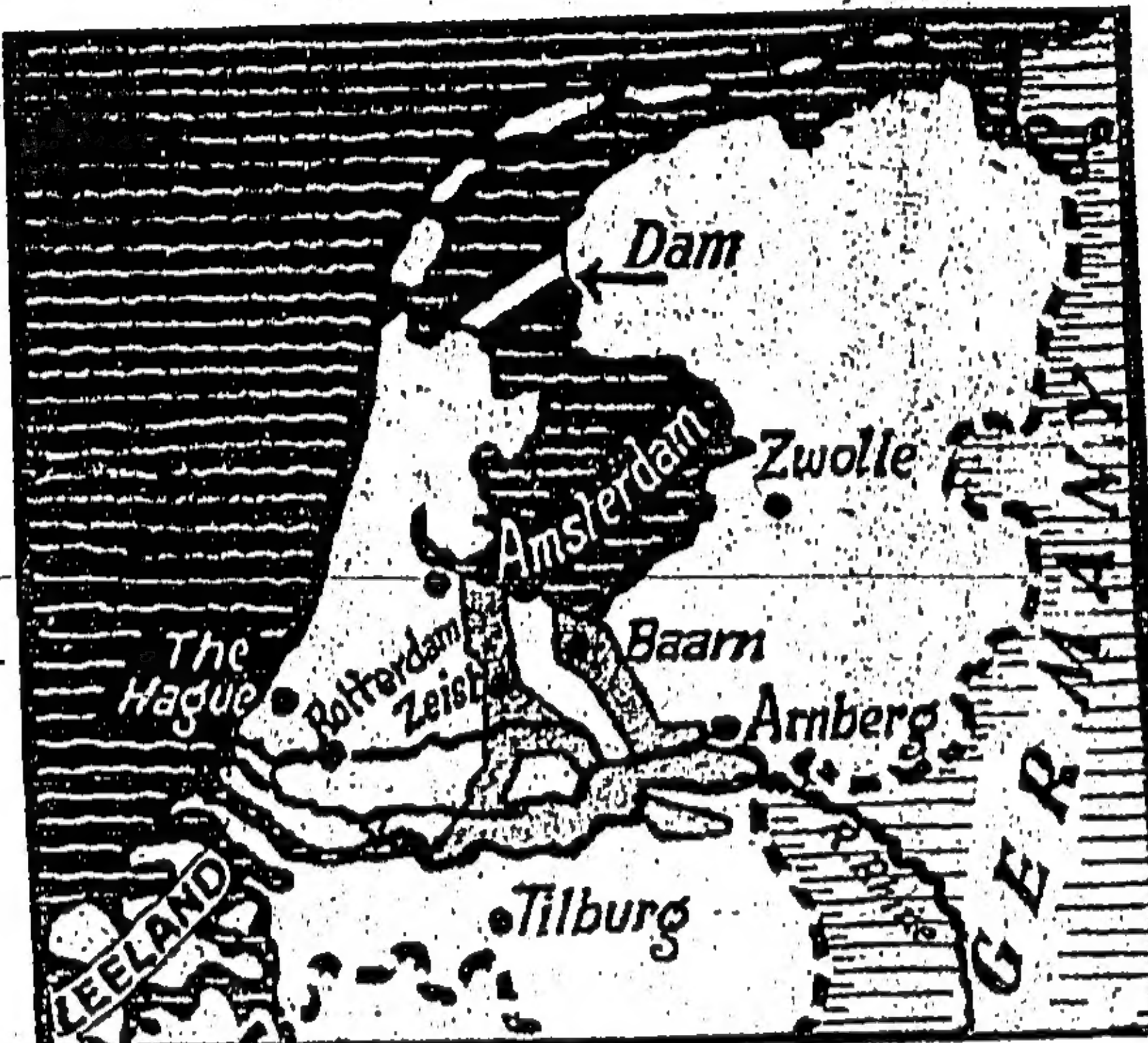
The Germans claim that it is now in their hands. This claim has now been substantiated by reports from Paris.
Sedan, according to maps of France, is behind the Maginot Line so that if the German claim is correct the Nazis appear to have pierced the Maginot Line defences at this point.

Battle Of The Meuse By HERBERT KING UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, May 14 (UP).—A German mechanised column took Sedan, the French border city, at the greatest battle of mechanised forces the world has ever seen, continued along the Belgian second line of defence and on the Maginot Line inside the French border.

Another German mechanised column advanced on Dinant as German bombers, co-operating with ground forces, bombed and strafed the French advance guards who had contacted the ground forces.
The French claim the first phase of the battle is nearly over in the Meuse river sector, with Allied planes heavily bombing the German rear-guards, slowing them up with heavy losses of life.

The Germans are concentrating their greatest power along the entire front in the Belgian, Ardennes and Meuse sectors in an effort to outflank the left wing of the Maginot Line.



Map showing the Zeeland area, the only part of Holland in which resistance will be continued.

Norway Campaign
ALLIED TROOPS LAND
New Situation In Narvik
LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).
A War Office communique says:
"Allied forces made a successful landing at Bjerkvik, seven miles north of Narvik, suffering only a few minor casualties."
"Bjerkvik is in the rear of the German positions in the Gratangen area, where our forces made a successful attack at the same time."
"An enemy detachment, which had landed at Hennnes was bombarded by a British warship. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy."
Successful Operations
PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—A French communique says that in the region of Narvik in Norway, operations have been successfully carried out.

VICTORY BID
Desperate Gamble By Hitler
LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).
"Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent learns that neutral circles in London regard the German invasion of Holland and Belgium as a desperate bid for victory before the Allies are able to develop their resources to the full.
German production and strength are at their peak while those of the Allies are growing every day.
To Take Big Risks
It is pointed out that like the bold gambler that he is, Hitler has determined to take big risks because the stakes are immense. At the same time it is believed that the growing effectiveness of the Allied blockade, coupled with the Allies' constantly growing strength, must have undoubtedly been important contributory causes in influencing his decision.
Thanks to the element of surprise and treachery of "Fifth Column" activities, the Germans have had considerable initial success in Holland and to a lesser degree in Belgium.
Their overwhelming superiority in strength compared with Holland and Belgium was bound to tell, especially as excessive scruples with regard to neutrality had prevented any co-ordination of plans between the Low Countries and the Allied Staffs.
Real Test To Come
The real test is yet to come when the main battle is engaged with the Allied forces. This will be the first real trial of the qualities of the new German army.
It is not believed by these neutral quarters that any result will be apparent for some days. Even then, it will be too early to talk of anything decisive but the reaction in south-eastern Europe will in any case, it is felt, be full of interest.

AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM BURN FIERCELY: BLACKOUTS LIFTED TO SAVE CITIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
THE HAGUE, MAY 14 (UP).—HOLLAND HAS SURRENDERED TO THE GERMAN INVASION.
THE NEWS OF THIS STARTLING AND DRAMATIC CAPITULATION WAS CONTAINED IN AN ORDER ISSUED TO-DAY BY LIEUT. GENERAL H. C. WINGELMAN, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE NETHERLANDS ARMY, AND AT PRESENT TITULAR HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT.
Fighting is to cease throughout Holland, with the exception of Zeeland, states the communique.

Blackouts and other war measures throughout the country are to be discontinued immediately in order to prevent unnecessary destruction and bloodshed, stated the General's Command.

Thus, the great unoccupied areas, as well as the northern part of central Holland which is overrun, have surrendered.

CITIES ABLAZE

Large sections of Amsterdam and Rotterdam are ablaze.
These fires were caused chiefly by German bombs, and secondly by Dutch defence measures.

The Germans now dominate most of the northern front and have been victorious in the northern sections of central Holland.

ZUYDER ZEE POUNDED

General Winkelman had earlier admitted that the northern provinces were fully in enemy hands but claimed that the Dutch were still holding out at Denshalder, which is the main base overlooking the enclosing dam of the Zuyder Zee where the Germans tried to pierce the dykes between north and northeast Holland.

He said the Germans pounded the Zuyder Zee Dam with heavy artillery and launched one attack this morning which was repulsed.

RUTHLESS ATTACK ORDERED

7,000 Nazi Planes To Attack Belgium
PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—The German High Command has ordered its 6,000 or 7,000 planes on the Belgian front to attack ruthlessly both civil and military objectives, says a message from Brussels.

"Since yesterday," says the dispatch, "there have been numerous attacks on open cities and huge fires have been caused by bombs on Namur."
"Part of Liege has undergone intensive bombing for 12 hours."

Evacuees Pursued
"On the roads, motor cars carrying evacuees are pitilessly pursued."
"The Brussels banks this morning declared a moratorium on withdrawals."
"On Post Office accounts only 5,000 francs fortuitously can be withdrawn."
"Long queues are waiting before the Bank of England offices and the post offices but there is no sign of panic."

"Although the people are preparing to leave the capital at short notice, it is not through fear of danger as the population has shown remarkable courage since the invasion began."
"The Belgians prefer to risk 'great danger' on the roads and railways rather than the horrors of German occupation."

KILLED BY OWN MACHINE GUNS

PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—According to the French wireless, Nazi planes machine-gunned a train as it drew into Tournai station. There were 650 German prisoners of war on board the train. Twenty of them were killed.

ITALIAN CRISIS NEAR CLIMAX? Americans Told To Evacuate

By MILES HANDLER
"UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, May 14 (UP).—Relations between the Allies and Italy to-day entered a critical phase as the German mechanised divisions and air forces concentrated their efforts in the Meuse, Ardennes and Moselle sectors in a manoeuvre apparently intended to overwhelm the left wing of the Maginot Line.

Reports reaching Paris of the violent Italian press campaign and student demonstrations throughout the Peninsula, have created the impression that an intensive anti-Allies movement has been synchronised with the German offensive and also has strengthened the impression that the situation is approaching a climax.

Following the Italian and Hungarian governments calling up four and seven classes of reservists respectively, reports reached Paris this afternoon from Belgrade that the Jugo-Slavin Government had taken

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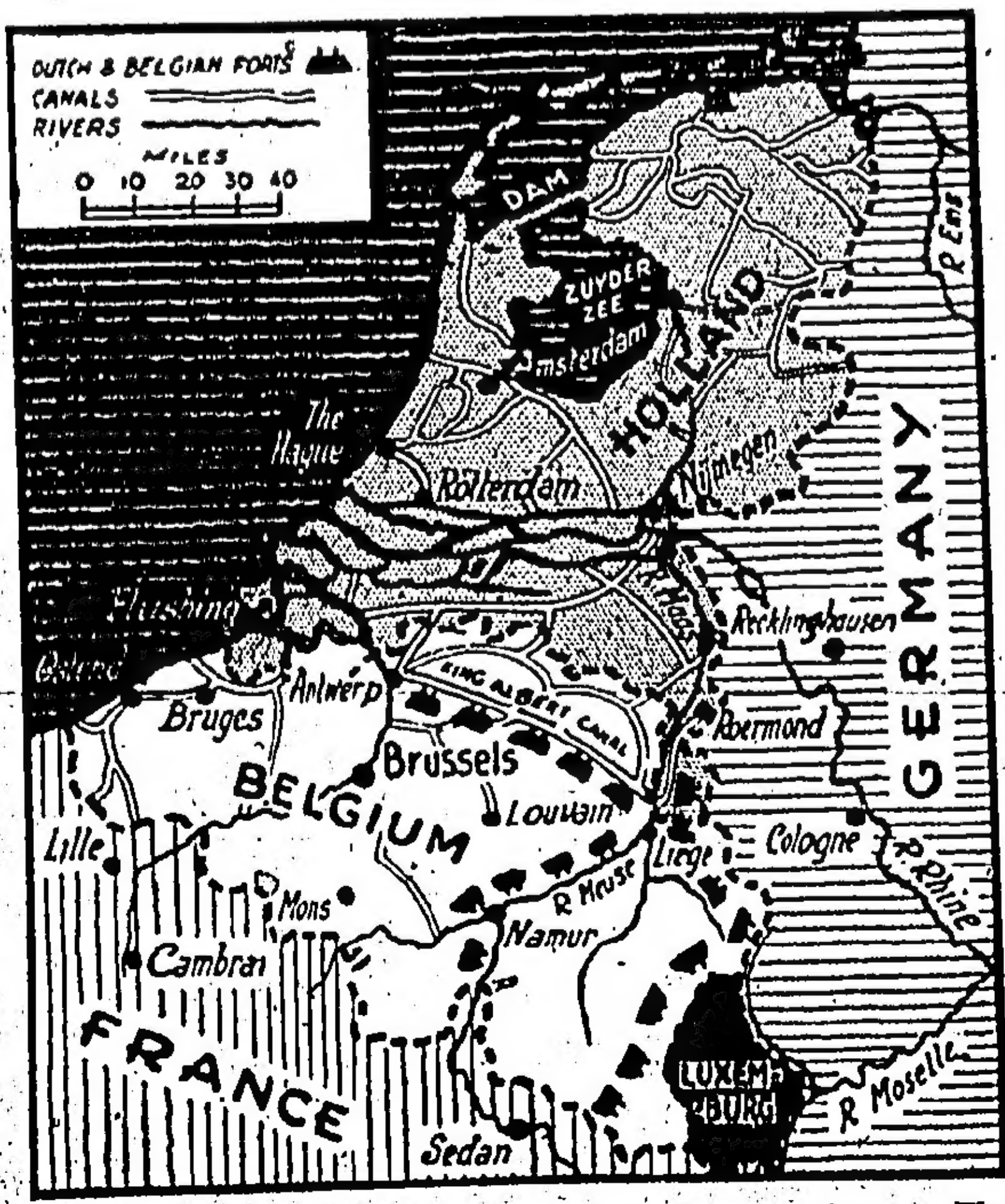
Hook Base Held
Helder, the important base at the Hook, is in Dutch hands.
The position at Brabant is uncertain.
Zeeland is in Dutch hands.
On the Dutch frontier the troops have withdrawn to the water line.
Air defence organisations are still working despite serious losses.
The Commander-in-Chief said that the struggle was difficult but the fight was worth while. It was a fight for Dutch independence and existence for freedom won centuries ago by the Prince of Orange.

Grave Situation Admitted
PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—According to well-informed military circles here, the situation in Holland is regarded as grave following the German advance towards Utrecht and Rotterdam.

The military situation in Belgium has hardly varied at all to-day. The German advance guards, after their big bound forward of nearly 100

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THIS MAP illustrates the extent of the German advance. They have pushed eastwards from Luxembourg and now occupy the entire area west of the River Meuse. Liege is still holding out but Namur (in Belgium) and Sedan (in France) are reported to have fallen.

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U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 23rd April)	May 15
Shanghai	May 15

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, May 15

Hai Phong	3 p.m.
Amoy	7 p.m.
Japan	7 p.m.
Straits	7 p.m.
U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada only)—due San Francisco, 31st May	7 p.m.
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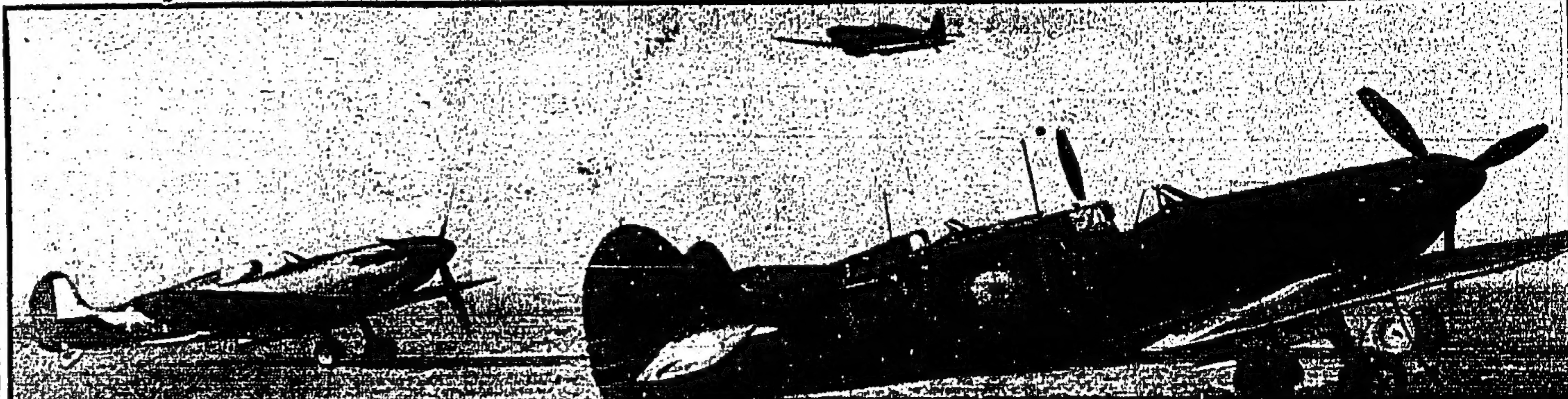
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NAZIS OVER COAST!—AND THE R.A.F. ROARS INTO ACTION



BIGGEST RAID DAY OF WAR

Shrapnel Showers On To Streets

BRITAIN had its biggest air raid day of the war last month.

From South-East Scotland right down to the Thames Estuary and beyond, Nazi raiders tried to penetrate our defences.



R.A.F. pursuit planes were sent up to engage the enemy, anti-aircraft batteries blazed away and, in some towns, showers of shrapnel fell in the streets.

Housewives stood at their front doors watching the shell bursts. Children in schools calmly went on with their lessons.

No attack on any land objective was reported, but two trawlers were bombed and machine-gunned off Scotland, while a steamer off the East Coast radioed that she, too, was being attacked.

The day's casualties were—nil, though a woman in a Tyneside town had her glasses broken by shrapnel.

GRAF SPEE got him

NAZI PLANE got him

SHARKS nearly got him

And Click Went The Camera—

Photographer R. Saldman was on a routine visit to a Fighter Command station when a bell rang.

A mechanic standing near him whispered: "This is the real thing. Raiders have been sighted."

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1.03 Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Lesly Dean, Frances Day, Leslie Hutchinson and Others.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 A Programme of Latest Dance Music.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.05 London Relay—"No Man's Time."

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Songs by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).

8.15 Dvorak—Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 95 ("The New World").

The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

8.55 Two Songs from Opera by Luigi Forti (Tenor).

9.01 The Regimental Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Magazine Feature Programme No. 2.

Including recorded talk by an Australian journalist on British Fighter Squadron, by an Indian officer in the Indian Army, and by a Welsh trawler skipper whose ship was shelled and sunk by a U-boat.

9.45 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

10.00 Grand Variety Programme.

11.00 Close Down.

Christ Church To Hold Concert In St. Andrew's Hall

The Christ Church Concert to be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Friday at 8.45 p.m. promises a good evening's entertainment. A varied programme will be provided by well-known artists. Miss Yao Tschin-chin whose recent piano recital at the Peninsula Hotel delighted all who heard it and won her high praise will play a Mozart Sonata; Helen Lockhart, Sylvia Choy and John Smith accompanied by Mr. E. O'Neill Shaw will contribute a number of items; and the Choir of the Mandarin Congregation of Christ Church, the high quality of whose singing is already well known to many, will be responsible for half of the programme.

Light humorous items are included—an illuminated Indian club act by Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist, conjuring tricks by Mr. Les Gibson, a humorous duet by Helen Lockhart and John Smith, and a character sketch by Mr. David Kosick, who compares the whole show.

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But he left home again to rejoin his ship.

His mother, who lives in St. Bede's-terrace, Sunderland, said: "He told me that two members of the crew were killed, and the chief engineer was hurt."

Gill was a seaman in the Whitby steamer Streconshall, the last merchant vessel to be sunk by the raider Graf Spee.

He was thrown into the sea from a boat, while he was lowering it. The captain kept sharks away from him by throwing coal at them.

"One of the first shells that hit the Graf Spee, during the battle of the River Plate, buried him fifteen feet, but he was unhurt."

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The approximate sum of \$500 realised will be handed to the Treasurer of the British War Organisation Fund. Mrs. Harlow also thanks the Committee and members of the K.C.C. who lent the Club with such good will; the ladies and gentlemen who helped to help the arrangement; and all those who so generously supported the effort, a large number of whom were members of the American community.

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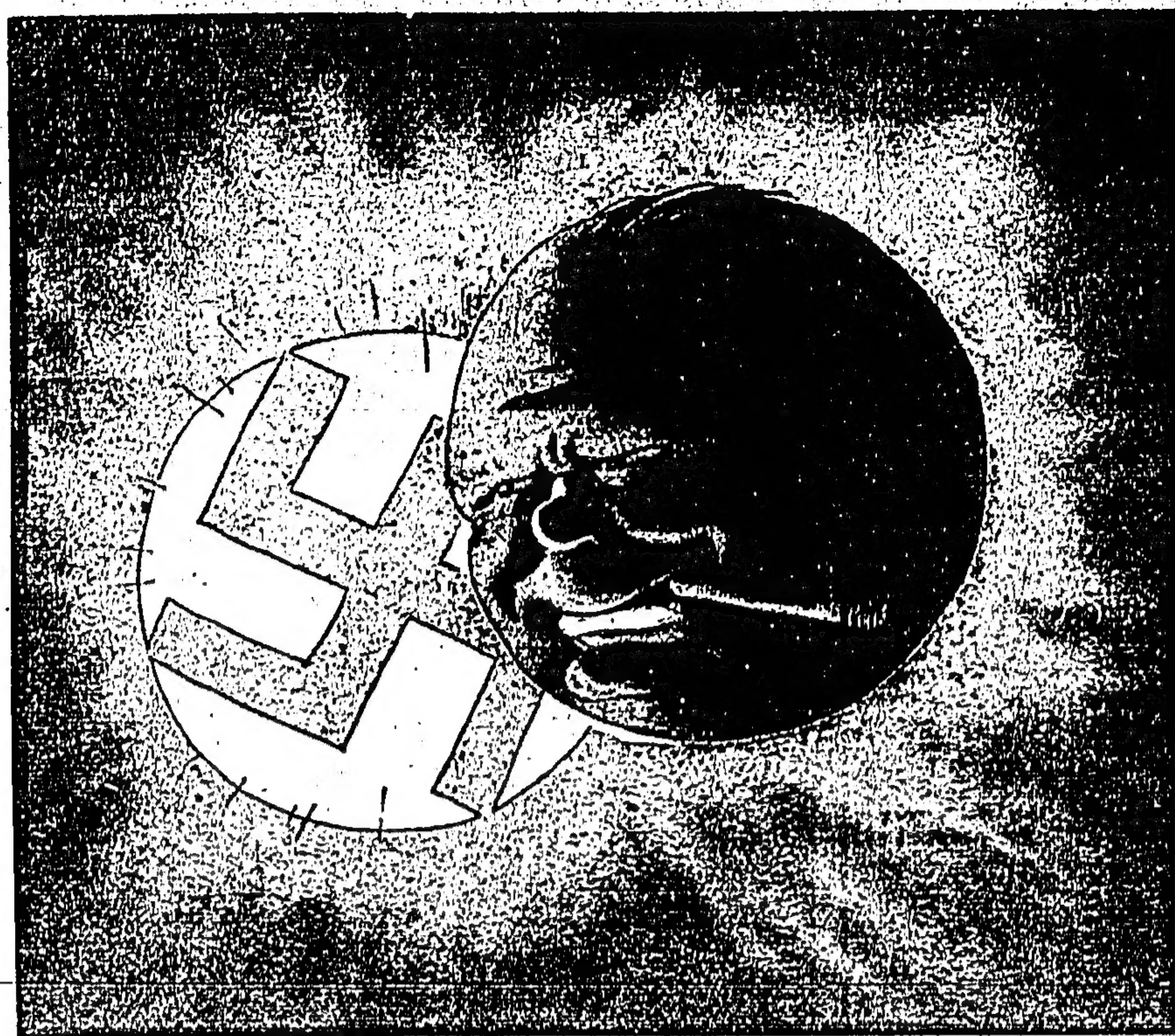


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A Totalitarian Eclipse Has Been Arranged!

Meet the Navy's "ACID DROP"

by Paul Holt

THE odds are that one name will come to the surface, to defeat the Navy's liking for reticence and privacy, to take its place, when this war is over, with the English names of Blake and Beatty, Nelson and Jellie.



Two brains with just over a single brown

It's a Welsh name—Phillips. Christian name Tom. It belongs to a little admiral who doesn't sail the seas.

I first heard the name of Vice-Admiral Tom Spencer Vaughan Phillips mentioned by Winston Churchill at the Guildhall luncheon to the men of the Exeter and the Ajax on February 23.

CHURCHILL, that day, was talking to the Navy. Not to civilians. There were phrases in his speech—he rapped "amid the tangles of a one-sided neutrality" when he talked about the Cossack rescue of the Altmark men from a Norwegian fjord—which were intended for the world.

But the bulk of his words were for the Navy. He talked about "your friend, the one you sank, the Graf Spee." And he paid tribute as the Navy would want him to do, to the men who made the River Plate victory possible. To Sir Henry Harwood and Sir Dudley Pound, the First Sea Lord.

But because I hadn't heard the name mentioned before, I paid more attention when he paid tribute to Vice-Admiral Tom Phillips.

And now he has paid further tribute. He has made Admiral Tom Phillips Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff. Before, he was deputy chief. Now, it is clear from the Downing-street announcement of his appointment, he takes on when Sir Dudley Pound leaves off. The announcement talks about twenty-four-hour warfare.

WHO is this Tom Phillips? Nobody knows him. The lower deck don't know him. They haven't a nickname for him. They don't call him Ginger, which is the name they have for Admiral of the Fleet the Earl of Cork and Orrery.

At the Admiralty he is well known by sight, but few know him to talk to. He is shorter than Napoleon, who stood 5ft. 6ins. I'd give him Nelson's 5ft. 4ins.

He is, I'd say from a slight of him, on the heavy side of a featherweight. Say nine stone dead. He has small feet, a grim little rat-pat of a mouth which turns up at the corners. He probably has a lot of secret jokes to himself that nobody, not even Churchill, knows about.

In his posed pictures he wears his hat at the Beatty tilt, but often forgets to keep that pose and puts it on dead straight.

I'm not suggesting that this is his affectionate nickname, but somebody who sees him most days summed him up to me as "The Acid Drop." If C. Feeraby, Daily Express naval reporter, says cheerily "Why he's all brains and no body, like me."

Put him up against the 5ft. 4ins. bulk of Ironside at a War Council meeting, and you'd say it was a new music-hall act. Jetson and Clapham. But these two men are the brains of the Army, the brains of the Navy.

ADMIRAL Tom Phillips got to where he is to-day because, for one period in his life, he had nothing to do. For three years of the last war he was commander of the cruiser Lancaster on the Pacific station. All he had to do was pace the Pacific in case something turned up. Nothing turned up. As Fred Astaire sings: He joined the Navy, and what did he see? He saw the sea.

For three years, from 1916 to 1919, he kept cruising while the Admiralty, from time to time, would promote him. At decent intervals they would make him acting commander, commander, acting captain, to show that they had not forgotten him. Commander Phillips spent those thirty-six months studying naval strategy and tactics. He worked out new theories, evolved new plans of attack.

He came home from that long vigil in the sun with his head

crummed full of ideas, and it is quite clear that he could talk about them, for his subsequent career shows that he has been trained, step by step, for the post he holds today.

His superior, Sir Dudley Pound, is a "big ship man." He thinks in terms of battle cruisers. But Tom Phillips is a little ship man. Light cruisers, destroyers, torpedo boats are his specialty. The smaller the ship, the happier is Tom. He will only admit to one hobby. He likes sailing. I guess he'd be happiest in a 10ft. pram with a bamboo mast, stepped in the fore seat and his leg over the tiller.

HE is fifty-two, the son of an Army colonel and a grandson of one of Queen Victoria's admirals. He has served his time at the Admiralty in the Plans Department, and has been head man of the destroyer force in home waters. He is a mystery man to his fellow admirals. All they know about him is that he is very clever. His only notable foible is that he runs a pencil through Thomas Spencer Vaughan, which is his Christian name, and substitutes Tom.

Why? Is it his joke? Does he mean Tom Thumb? Nobody knows. Nobody dare ask him.

Spotting The Rank LIEUTENANT-COLONEL

A Lieut.-Colonel takes executive command of a regiment or battalion and is the actual officer responsible for the discipline and fitness of his unit.

He is selected for this command from the field officers of the regiment to which he belongs, though occasionally a Lieut.-Colonel from another unit is appointed to command.

The title is derived from the fact that in the old days of the Army the Colonel was usually a General holding post because there was no pay attached to the rank of General as such, and his emoluments had therefore to be provided for by giving him a Colonelcy. He then appointed a deputy (Lieut.-Colonel) at a lower rate of pay to carry on the actual work of command. Pay: £1,200 a year.



Next country on the list?

FOR the first time since war began the people of Jugo-Slavia are being told as openly as officials dare that they, too, may be drawn into the war.

Their papers are doing things they would not be allowed to do before the invasion of Scandinavia and the Lowlands. They are printing little notices daily saying: "The enemy will rain down death from the skies. He will try to sabotage the army, blow up bridges, mine roads."

One paper came out with an officially inspired article saying that Jugo-Slavia must be prepared to fight an enemy five times her size and another three times her size—meaning Germany and Italy.

These are little things, but when it is realised that five weeks ago they would have brought hot protests from Germany regarding "infringement of neutrality and provocation to her, great neighbours," you get some idea of the way Jugo-Slavia is facing danger before it is too late.

Not that Jugo-Slavia is strong enough to come out openly with her pro-Allied feelings. The German Fifth Column is still strong, in spite of the fact that so far more than two hundred have been asked to go home.

THEN the Croats are still being whipped into unrest from outside. Vlado Matceck, their chief politician, who made peace with the Serbs for the price of Croat autonomy, is being attacked in pamphlets smuggled in from extreme Croats are being supported by Italy in a policy to separate Croatia.

Then there is the 600,000 German minority, who have announced that they have at last chosen as leader Dr. Josef Janko from Slovenia, near the Austrian border.

The Serbs are not blind, but they cannot do much more than they are doing now until our policy in the Balkans becomes more definite than it has been, until we can tell them: "If the Germans invade, we will send you so much help, and in such form, and in such time."

They feel that they are in a much more dangerous situation than even Rumania, because the general opinion here is that, if Germany should invade Jugo-Slavia, Italy would try to seize Croatia and the Dalmatian coast, in order to "protect" her interests.

JUGO-SLAVIA's reaction to this has been to open her back door to Russia with an economic delegation to Moscow, but the hoped-for Allied help is still uncertain. The Germans would object, but they object to everything that tends to get Jugo-Slavia from their grasp.

The other day, in darkened cinemas, their agents showered down leaflets saying that Jugo-Slavia had better kow-tow to Germany, or else. This led to the fiercest anti-German demonstration Belgrade has known since the war began. The police had hardly begun their inquiries before the German Press attacked called on them and complained that the leaflets were the latest manifestation of the British secret service.

DESPATCH FROM JUGO-SLAVIA BY SYDNEY MORRELL

How he knew about the leaflets or the police inquiries he did not explain, but the fact is that the British have no printing press in Jugo-Slavia. The French have, but it prints in Cyrillic letters. The leaflets were printed in Latin characters.

The Germans forgot this point, but the police still think it is a good joke.

* A Slavonic alphabet (used by the Slavs of the Eastern Church) and ascribed to St. Cyril.

DID YOU WONDER?

When Animated Cartoons Were Invented?

What was probably the first one-reel animated cartoon was drawn by Winsor McCay, the originator of "Little Nemo in Slumberland." The animation concerned the adventures of "Gertie the Dinosaur," and it took McCay more than a year to make the 10,000 pen-and-ink drawings that made up the film.

"Gertie" appeared in 1900, and about the same time J. R. Bray also used up acres of white paper in producing an animated cartoon which he sold to Pathé for \$2,000. However, Bray saw that too many drawings had to be made for even a short cartoon to make animation commercially profitable.

Bray made an early stride toward reducing the amount of necessary drawing by having the background and motionless parts of each scene on one sheet of paper, and then drawing the figures and moving parts of the scene on transparent sheets of celluloid. Each successive movement of the characters was drawn on separate celluloid sheets which were numbered in sequence. The celluloid sheets were placed, one at a time, over the background and photographed in order; and when the resulting film projected, the characters seemed to move.

These early figures could never pass in front of any background object, because the background non lines would show through the figure. This difficulty was met by filling in the figure with opaque gray, black, and white, so the figure blotted out whatever background lines it happened to cross. Then, too, by pulling more than one sheet of celluloid over the background, it became no longer necessary to re-draw the entire figure when, for example, the only action was the waving of a hand. Just the movements of the hand were drawn on one series of celluloid sheets, the unmoving parts of the figure being drawn just once on a single sheet of celluloid placed under the sheets with the hand animation on them.

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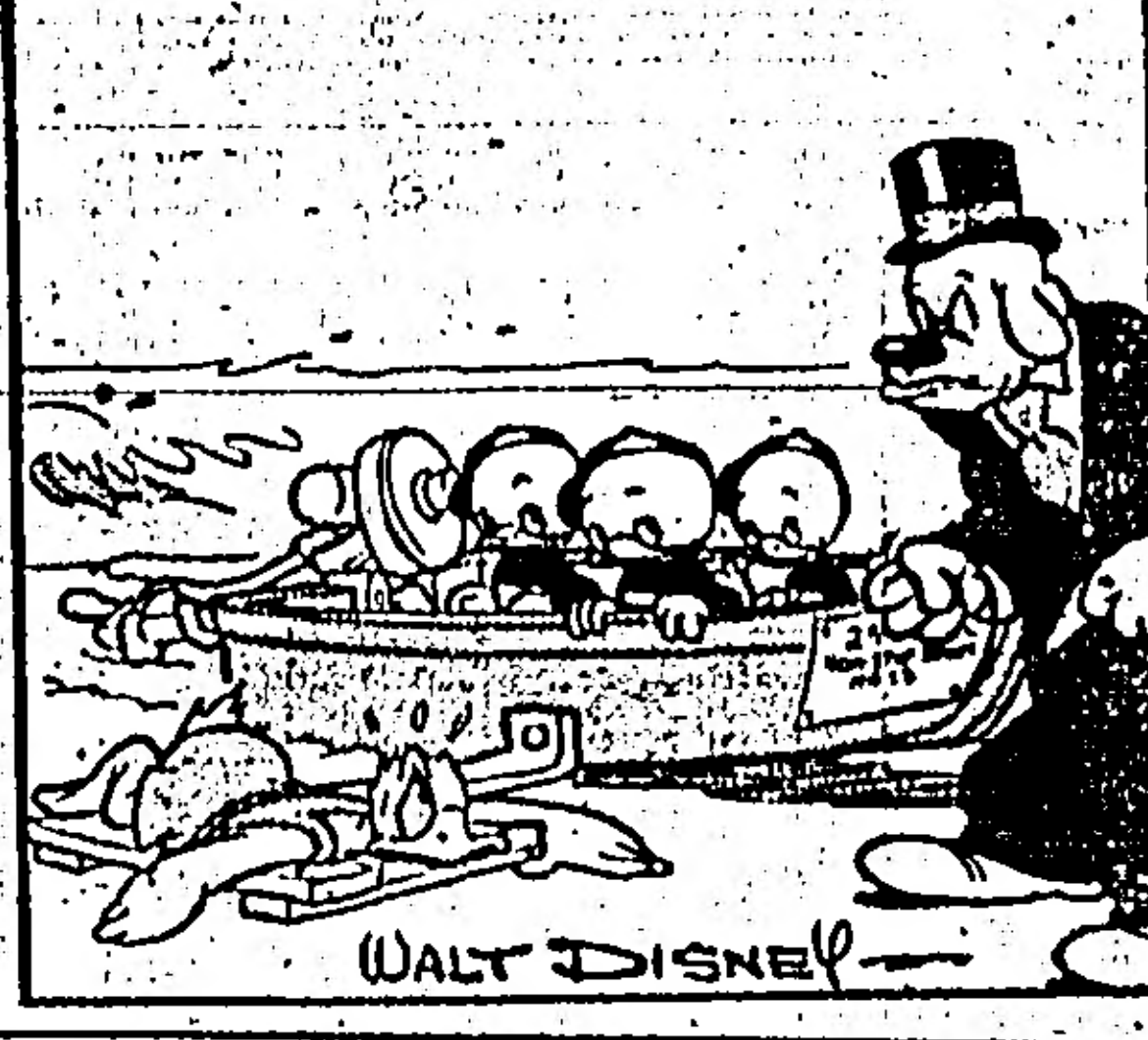
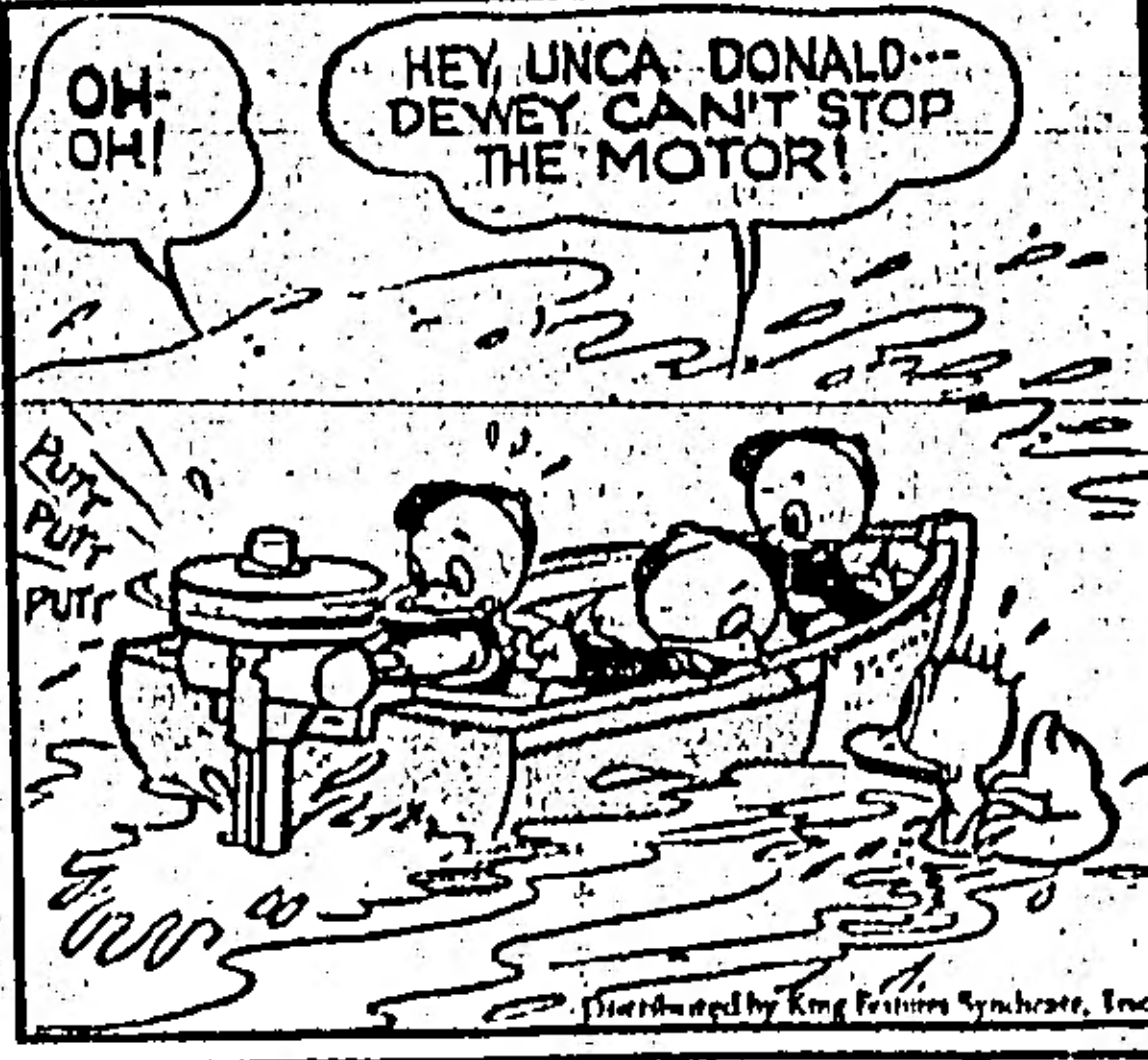
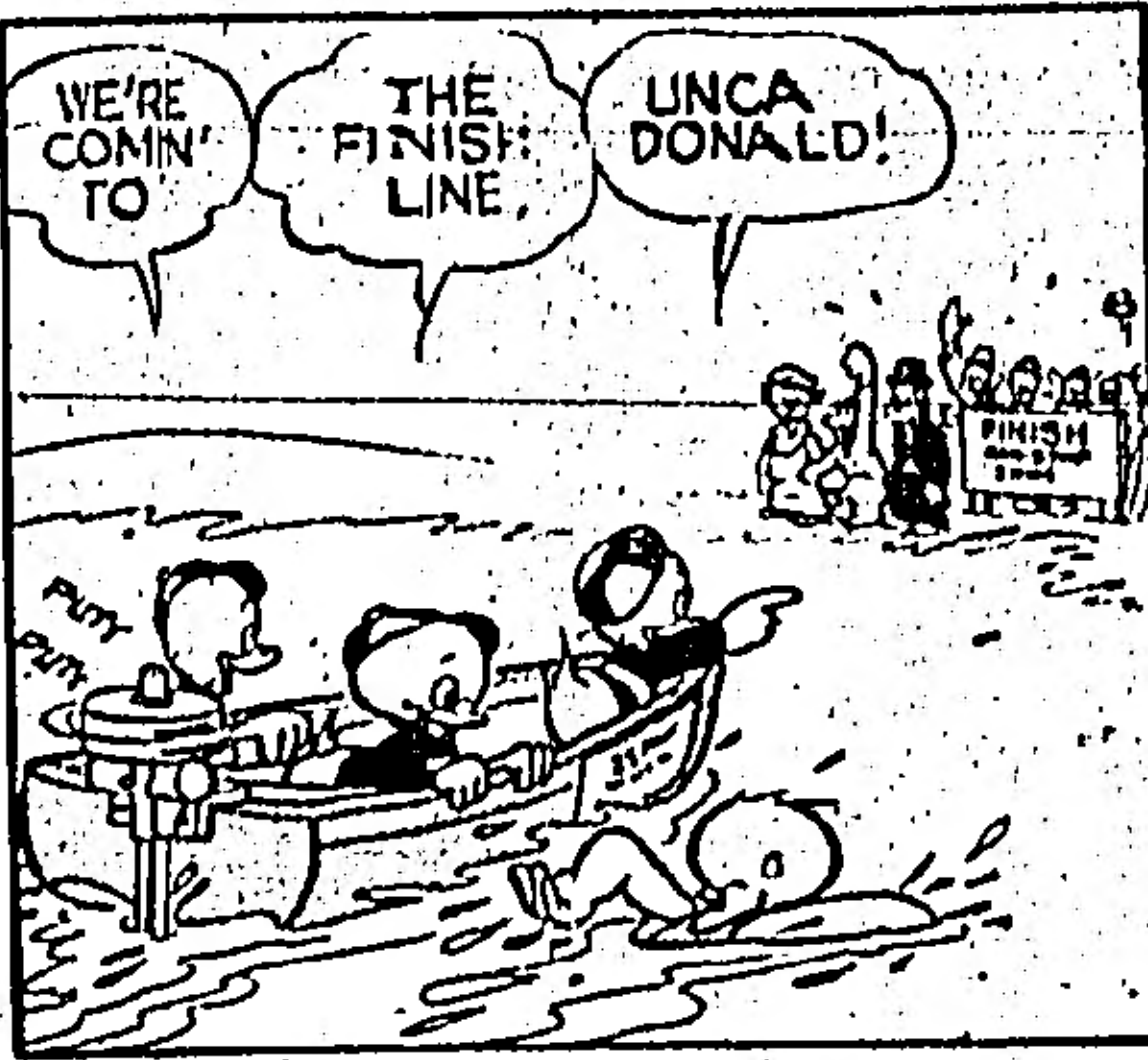
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Experts say that nearly 1,000,000 dogs and cats were destroyed in the early part of the war.

"There was no need for any of them to go," Colonel Robert Storey, chief of the National A.R.P. Animals Committee, told a reporter.

"One night last September I saw 80,000 buried in one night," he said. "It upset even hardened veterinary surgeons."

Clinic Queues

"As soon as war was declared queues formed outside animal clinics all over London and in other big towns."

"Yards became so full of animals which had been destroyed that they could hold no more."

"We were fortunate in finding some land under reclamation in the East End of London, and this site we chose for the greatest single burial of dead pets any one has ever seen."

"Ambulances and vans were sent to clinics all over London to collect them."

WIFE'S LETTER TO HITLER

MRS. LEMMENS, whose husband drove the car in which Captain Stevens and Mr. Payne-Bent were kidnapped by Germans at Venlo, Holland, last November, has received a reply to a letter she sent to Hitler.

But she still has no news of her husband.

The reply is from the Reich Chancellery, saying that her letter has been forwarded to the Gestapo.

There is no confirmation at the Hague of rumours that the two Britons are soon to be brought up for trial.

Death kiss girl is 'on the spot'

NEW YORK.

BEAUTIFUL Ethel Mittleman, "gangster's moll with a kiss of death," is to-day the central figure of America's greatest under-world drama.

She is held on \$12,500 bail to answer questions about her latest lover, Pittsburgh Phil Strauss, named as chief assassin of the Brooklyn "cash-and-bury" syndicate, who sought to put murder on a big business basis.

To-day the District Attorney refused a writ of habeas corpus designed to free Ethel. "The girl is on the spot," he said. "She will almost certainly be killed to ensure her silence, if she leaves jail."

Pittsburgh Phil, the man of whom it is said, "He would rather kill than drink an ice-cream soda," lavished money on Ethel.

She was wearing several of his gifts—three diamond rings, a diamond bracelet and a fur coat—when she was picked up by the police.

In a walk to which she had the key was more jewellery, believed to be part of the loot of a \$25,000 robbery in Florida.

Ethel, a tall and stately brunette, with carefully permed hair and

heavily mascaraed eyes, is taking her stay in jail calmly.

She was only seventeen when the first man died from love of her. He was Hyman Miller, and was killed in a fight to retain his right as her protector.

The next victim of her fatal charm was Robert Furer. He was killed by Solomon Goldstein for "insulting Mrs. Mittleman."

Goldstein was savagely beaten up by the gunman and later was murdered in an up-state New York county. His body was never found.

Every day brings new and ever more sensational revelations of the wholesale murder racket organised by the cash-and-bury syndicate.

According to "The Evening Times" who have turned State's evidence to give himself from the electric chair, the syndicate carried out 16 murders in other States as well as the 20 assassinations in Brooklyn last year.

Pittsburgh Phil is also in jail, but he is keeping the underworld code of silence.

Her Dog Had a Ration Book

Here is a war-time version of "Old Mother Hubbard," with a cupboard which the "poor dog" had to help to replenish.

For four weeks a cocker-spaniel dog had a ration card, while his mistress obtained butter and sugar with the coupons.

When the woman, Mrs. Jeanne Wilson, of Cross Collier Street, Belfast, was, at the local court, fined 20s. for "wrongfully obtaining the ration card," the dog's existence was averted concerning a ration book in the name of "Don Wilson."

While Mrs. Wilson was being questioned the dog jumped up, and she exclaimed, "Get down, Don!" She then admitted that the ration book referred to the dog, and that she wanted extra butter and sugar for her husband who was seriously ill.

THIS picture is of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps, which have now taken their place as a working unit of the B.E.F.

They are a Mule transport company and are engaged in carrying supplies for the Army.

A cigarette with members of the B.E.F.

UNCLE IS IN HONGKONG



Lt. Com. J. H. Forbes, captain of the submarine Spearfish, which torpedoed the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Scheer, is a nephew of Wing-Commander A.H.S. Steele-Parkins, the A.R.P. Director in Hongkong.

This photograph was received in Hongkong last week.

Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS

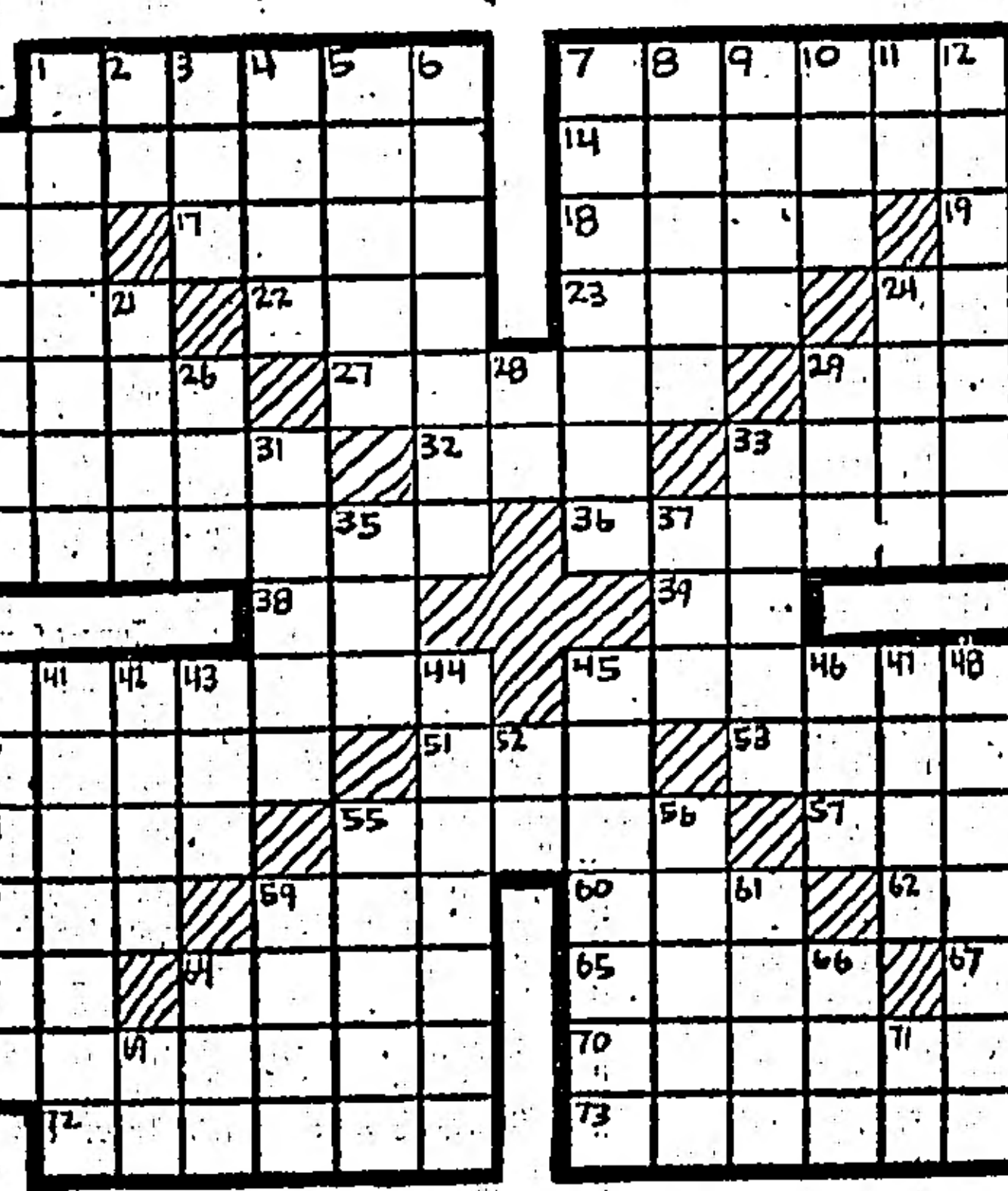
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Explains
- Calculated pain
- Wedge-shaped
- Black man
- Wood
- Row
- Forward
- Consolation
- Tip of point
- Years of life
- Perch
- Is appropriate
- Man's name
- Unusual
- Unusually
- Long man
- Large lake
- Monarch of Hebrews
- Legislature
- Scarcely
- Otherwise
- Don and
- Dread
- Disinclination
- Paing
- Ask (verb)
- Drived point
- Irishman
- Southern state (abbr.)
- Good conduct
- Make mistake
- Scattered
- Embryo
- Trumpet and
- Large lake
- Gods of discord

DOWN

- One who begins
- Whaforward
- Wreath
- The French
- Orings
- Who begins
- Whaforward
- Wreath
- 20-21
- Over
- 21-22



Both Sir Malcolm Campbell and his wife, Lady Dorothy Evelyn Campbell, are asking for a divorce.

The famous racing motorist married in 1920, when he was an unknown trier on the racing tracks.

A marriage that was "front page news" in July last year comes before the Judge.

It is that of the Earl of Craven and Miss Irene Meyrick, daughter of the late Mrs. Kate Meyrick, once London's night-club "queen." Their marriage was kept secret for three months.

The young earl—he was born in 1917—is asking for a decree of nullity. The Countess of Craven has a cross-petition for the restitution of conjugal rights.

In January this year, the Countess of Craven announced that she had given birth to a daughter.

Another contested divorce suit is that brought by Viscount Long of Wraxall. Lady Long is defending the suit.

They were married in 1933, when Lady Long was nineteen years old. She is a granddaughter of the Earl of Wemyss.

Sir Henry John Delves Broughton, the eleven baronet, will contest the action which is being brought by his wife, Lady Vera Edith Broughton, whom he married twenty-five years ago.

Lady Broughton is the daughter of Boswell W. Griffith-Boswell, of Trevelyn Hall, Rossett, Denbighshire.

Another divorce action which will not be defended is that by Mrs. Givran Smirke against her husband, Charles Smirke the jockey who is thirty-three.

Married Before

They were married in August, 1938. Mrs. Smirke, who is Tommy Dundas, the crooner in Harry Roy's band, was formerly the wife of Jack Barker, the radio comedian.

Smirke has also been married before. His marriage with his first wife was annulled in 1937.

Smirke is one of our best-known jockeys, having won the Derby twice in three years, on Windsor Lad in 1934 and on Mahmoud in 1936.

Three years ago Major Sir Francis Fetherston-Godley was given a knighthood for his public services. He has been a prominent worker for the British Legion.

Lady Kathleen Fetherston-Godley is now bringing an action for divorce against her husband, whom she married twenty years ago.

A divorce petition brought by Mrs. Phyllis Ann Kermode (Miss Phyllis Robins, the stage and radio star) against Mr. David Eric Kermode, whom she married in 1929, has also been transferred from the reserve list of actions standing over to the ordinary defended list.

WOODEN SHOES PUTSCH

AMSTERDAM.

The German Press has started a big advertising campaign to recommend wooden shoes as the "great fashion novelty of 1940." Soon, it is stated, "the happy clatter on the pavement will show that this old handicraft has not died out and that in times like these people are ready to make use of a material which

HOME RACING PLANS

London, May 14.

The Jockey Club and National Hunt Committee announce that racing will be resumed in Manchester and Lanark on May 18.—Reuter.

Germany possesses in sufficient quantities.

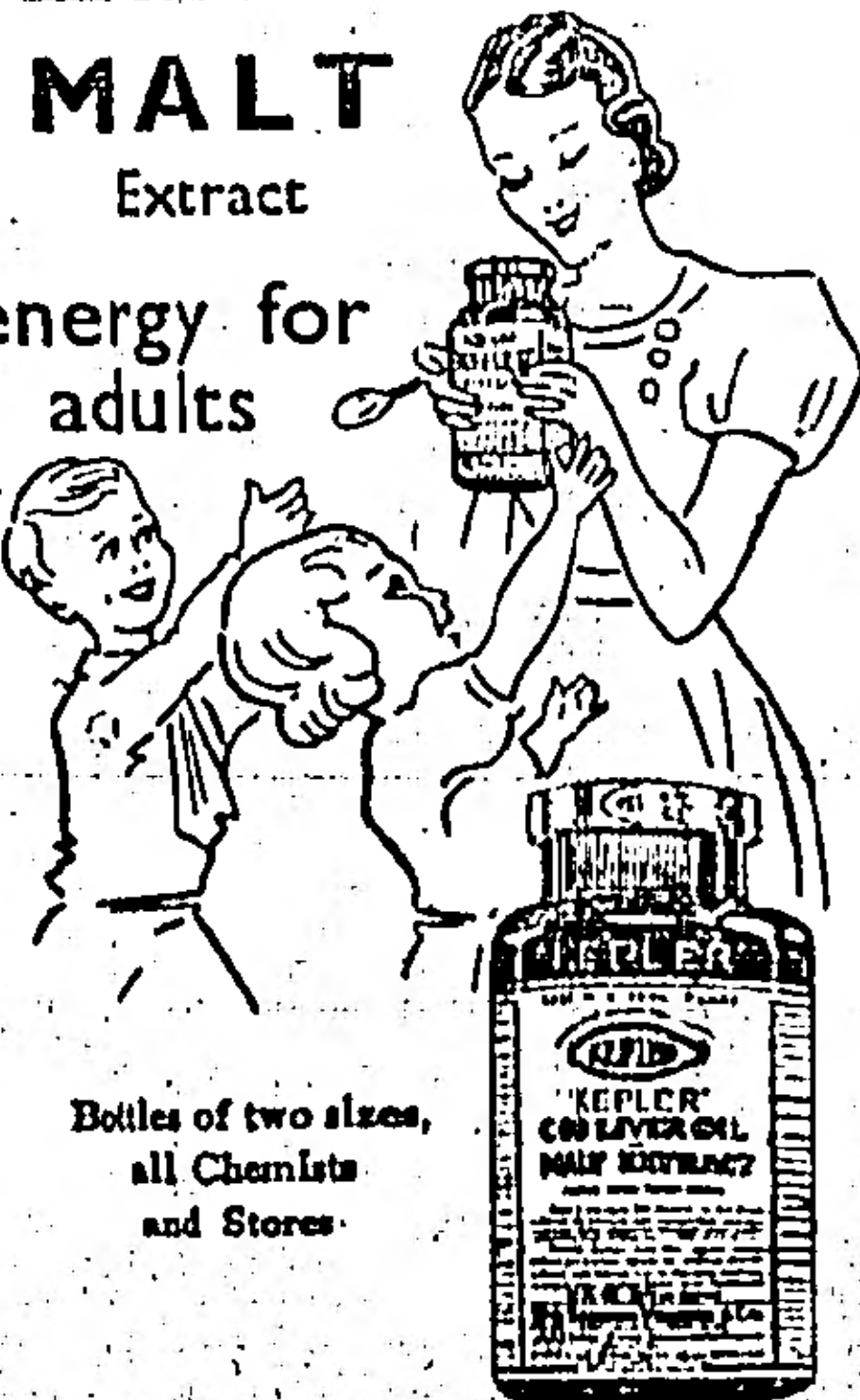
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The Dutch East Indies

As yet the attention turned on the Netherlands East Indies is purely reflexory of the new situation created in Europe by the invasion of Holland. Nevertheless, the ardent enthusiasm of interested third Powers such as Japan, the United States, Britain and France in proclaiming their willingness to respect the status quo of the Pacific vis-à-vis the Netherlands East Indies indicates very clearly that more than ordinary importance is placed by international politicians on these strategic islands.

This vast collection of fertile islands, large and small, totals in its land space an area considerably larger than Burma. It is, moreover, so disposed that it lies across the shipping routes from Europe to the Far East and its 500,000 inhabitants, aid to the air routes to Australia and New Zealand. From the northernmost point of Sumatra to where Timor confronts Australia the length of the chain of islands is over 2,000 miles, and north of it lie Dutch Borneo, Celebes, and Dutch New Guinea. Were the Dutch East Indies in hands hostile to Britain the Singapore base, which stands on a promontory that thrusts into the midst of them, would have enemy ports at its door. The Netherlands Government, urgent to avoid any semblance of departure from neutrality, has proclaimed the ability of the Dutch East Indies to take care of themselves and will countenance no offers of protection against any event. The validity of that claim will be much strengthened when the present plans mature.

The Netherlands Government, in the two and a half centuries in which she has ruled her Dutch Empire, has not neglected defence. The latest available returns show that she keeps normally in East Indian waters, with Sourabaya as their base, two light cruisers, eight destroyers, and twelve submarines, besides some minelayers, minesweepers, and motor-torpedo-boats, and to this little navy is attached a force of 72 seaplanes as well as smaller aircraft. Three 27,000-ton battle-cruisers are now to be added to it, and £20,000,000 spent on improving the base at Sourabaya. The Regular Army, entirely independent of that at home, consists of some 32,000 Europeans and natives with artillery of all calibres and a small Air Force.

Thus it can be seen that the Netherlands East Indies are well fortified against attack, and that any attempt against them by an unfriendly Power would most assuredly meet with disaster.



THE BEAST IN BELGIUM
(George Whitelaw, whose cartoons appear exclusively in the "Telegraph" in Hongkong, re-draws a famous 1914 cartoon).

Can Hitler Invade Britain?

by **Lt.-Col. C. B. COSTIN-NIAN, M.C.**
The Noted Military Correspondent

London, May 15.
IT is reported that a volunteer corps of picked men is being formed in Germany. Their task is said to be sacrificial.

They are told that this special task will very likely be their last. They are to be very fit, daring, clever and enterprising. The size of the corps is considerable.

What can the task be? Visions of freck invasions of all sorts of places flood the mind. Behind the Maginot? Even the Orkneys or Elze?

Or—might they even be considering an invasion of Britain?

Hitler has invaded Norway, a country separated from Germany by the sea. Hitler sneered at islands at the beginning of this war. But can he invade Britain, an island which has been immune from invasion for several hundred years?

To land troops on our shores has been the fondest wish of our enemies. But since 1066 we have always kept them too busy on the Continent to have troops or energies to spare for such a task.

WE destroyed Philip's Armada, and Napoleon's attempt shared much the same fate. He assembled both troops and the barges to carry them across from Boulogne.

But he needed to collect enough warships to protect the transports from the British Fleet. For this purpose he required France's Mediterranean Fleet in the Channel.

Nelson's victory at Trafalgar prevented this. When Napoleon heard of it he broke camp and marched east, into Germany.

Now Hitler is said to have plans for an east coast invasion or for a landing in Elze.

Is there any real cause for anxiety after what is happening to Norway? A successful invasion involves three operations:—

1. Carrying the invading force safely across the sea.
2. Landing it on the hostile shore.
3. Supplying, maintaining and reinforcing it when it has been landed.

It is problematical whether the German Navy could escort transports across the North Sea. It is inconceivable that the Germans could leave harbour and cross the sea without attracting attention, and the transports would find themselves involved in a major naval engagement, for which they are not fitted.

Whatever the result of such an action it is certain that the German losses would prevent the escorting of any reinforcements or supplies for the original force, assuming that they could be safely landed. The British

Fleet could rapidly replace its losses.

If it is highly unlikely that a force could get to our shores, it is still more improbable that it could land without devastating losses.

British troops could concentrate on the threatened area, and Gallipoli has shown the difficulties of landing troops under fire. But Germans landing on the east coast would also encounter, as our men in 1915 did not, severe action from the air.

THE landing of a large force, therefore, may be regarded as impracticable.

But even if we assume that the Germans have landed safely, there still remains the problem of supplying them with food and ammunition.

This could only be done by sea, in adequate quantities, if England were completely exhausted, her Navy driven off the sea, her Air Force out of the air. Invasion by sea from Germany was dismissed as a remote

danger before 1914. When the Germans had a formidable navy. To-day it can be ruled out.

Of course, if the Germans broke through Belgium and seized the Channel ports the position would be rather different. Hence the necessity of our maintaining a sufficient force in France to prevent this.

But even then invasion by sea would be a very difficult operation.

But if we need not be awake at night for fear of invasion by sea, what of the new danger of invasion from the air?

How many men could come that way?

If Germany had 5,000 planes capable of carrying thirty men each, with military equipment, that would mean they could bring 150,000 men.

That sounds easy. But it all takes for granted the fact that neither our fighter air-craft nor our anti-aircraft batteries offer serious resistance to the enemy be-

fore they land from the air; and it also assumes that our troops leave them entirely free to concentrate and move where they will when they have landed.

These are pretty large assumptions—and in any case I do not believe that Germany has got, or ever will have, anywhere near 5,000 planes of this size.

AND again, there is the question of supply. When you consider the huge quantities of fuel, ammunition—and food that a modern army consumes, its supply by the air becomes out of the question.

A corps of two divisions consumes 1,000 gallons of petrol to move twenty-five miles. How are air-planes to carry supplies in such quantities? Would they try to seize our petrol reserves?

Britain still has control of the seas. So long as she retains this, she is in no fear of invasion.

"Suicide squads," dropped by parachute to sabotage our industry and spread panic are another matter. They might conceivably inflict much damage to ourselves and to the Allied cause.

However grave the situation elsewhere, we would never allow ourselves to strip these islands of sufficient protection to give parachutists a clear field.

SWEDEN IS ANXIOUS

recently issued sharp warning to Stockholm.

These Are Sweden's Chief Newspapers

NAME	CIRCULATION	POLITICS
Stockholms Tidningen		
—Stockholms Dagblad	150,800 (morning)	Liberal.
Dagens Nyheter	136,000 (morning)	Liberal.
Svenska Dagbladet	86,400 (morning)	Conservative.
Aftonbladet	62,500 (evening)	Liberal.
Nya Dagligt Allehanda	61,700 (evening)	Conservative.
Svenska Morgonbladet	40,000 (morning)	Liberal.
Social-Demokraten	37,300 (morning)	Labour.

WHILE fully realising the possible complications arising as a result of the adoption of such a policy, Sweden's sympathies, like those of the rest of the civilised world, are wholeheartedly for Norway in the latter's life and death struggle.

Sweden's position particularly deserves the fullest sympathy as the disastrous consequences to herself of being completely surrounded by the Nazis are fully realised.

Sweden acknowledged and admired throughout civilisation for her historical peaceful career, the soundness of her industry, the welfare of her workers, her financial stability and her friendliness with all nations, is now faced with perhaps the most difficult problem in her entire history. It is generally accepted that Sweden is on the list as victim, and as she does not wish to offend the Allies, Sweden's position may well be claimed as being between the devil and the deep sea.

It is not questioned that Sweden has so far fully observed neutral

policy and done nothing to give grounds for accusations. The possibility of being drawn compulsorily into unwanted participation, however, is not overlooked, and everything possible is being done to ensure protection of Sweden's integrity and security.

In considering Swedish sympathy for the Norwegians it must be remembered that a considerable proportion of the Norwegians are Swedish descendants and Fin culture is built up on the Swedish model.

Should the entire north become the aim for a Nazi plot of aggression the Northerners cannot possibly be blamed for looking to the Western democracies for assistance, as the latter support democracy against slavery. Sweden's model factories, rich ore fields and agricultural development must prove an enticing prize in the eyes of autocratic rulers, whose disastrous policy has converted their countries into armed, unstable, un-sound States.

The difficulties facing the Swedes were clearly shown when the German paper "Berliner Boersen Zeitung"

The general feeling and sympathies are being clearly evinced in the local Press in the form of small insertions and slogans emphasising the imperative necessity of watchfulness, preparedness, the strengthening of defensive measures, reliance in citizens' public conversations, and also in the wholesale daily Press, advertisements calling for the accordance of the fullest support for their gallant little neighbours' heroic struggle against barbarism and despotism.

The greatest interest has been evinced and approbation expressed with all the news concerning Allied assistance for Norway, as it is fully recognised that Scandinavia's future may depend on the outcome of the present struggle. It is not doubted that the existing difficult situation and the Westerners' reaction towards the same may well mean the turning-point in European history and decide whether future generations shall live in freedom or slavery. The whole of Scandinavia is now anxiously awaiting developments.

The only forms of assistance at present being asked for and supplied in Sweden are medications, hospital personnel, clothes for refugees and ambulances, which are all being liberally donated.

The newspapers' recurring appeal resulted in a spontaneous universal response in all classes, with Labour predominating.

Sweden, and, it is hoped, other countries, fully realise the danger to the entire world's economic structure, particularly in the timber and timber by-products trade, which would result from the Nazis over-gaining footing here.

H. B.

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Mental experts reveal amazing facts about Nazi Leader Goering's Life in Padded Cell 'Mad fits of rage': Dope Maniac Tried to strangle nurse

By Leonard Clairmont

STOCKHOLM.

TO-DAY, for the first time, I am able to reveal the story how Hermann Goering, Hitler's right hand man, was detained in a Swedish mental hospital as a raving drug fiend.

Here are the medical case details of the man who now commands the Nazi Air Force.

Goering was put in a padded cell. Special watch was put over him because of his violent fits of rage. He threatened women nurses with a dagger. He tried to strangle a woman nurse with his bare hands.

Here now is the real truth of what happened to Goering during the time when, according to official Nazi records, he was "taking refuge" in Italy after the famous Munich "Putsch" in 1923.

Actually Goering fled from Munich to take refuge with his wife's relatives in Sweden. At that time he was married to the Baroness Carin Fock, of Stockholm.

His wife's parents took him under their protection. Then they were faced with the problem of handing him over to a mental home because of his addiction to drugs.

German and Swedish authorities have kept the facts dark. But now, after consulting Swedish legal records, I can reveal the full facts. They were brought to light by research into a legal case labelled Goering v. Kantzow, which started in Stockholm in April, 1922.

'Not A Fit Father'

Carin Goering, the German Field-Marshal's wife—he was then captain—had formerly been married to a man named Kantzow. When their marriage was dissolved the courts gave the custody of her son, Thomas, to the father.

After she married Goering she tried to get custody of the child again, so that he could be raised in a German family.

The Kantzow family claimed that Goering was not a fit father for the boy. An affidavit by Goering's own family physician was read in court.

It is hereby certified that Captain Goering is a victim of morphine, and that his wife Carin Goering, nee Baroness Fock, suffers from epilepsy, for which reason their home must be considered inappropriate for her son Thomas Kantzow.

Stockholm, April 16th, 1922.

Karl A. R. Lundberg.

After much debating, the case was postponed until April 27, at which time Kantzow's legal representative informed the court that Hermann Goering, due to his brain trouble, was at the time an inmate at the Langbro Psychopathic Hospital.

Again the case was postponed, this time until May 11.

At the third trial a statement had been procured from the famous Swedish psychiatrist, Professor Olof Kinberg, who had had Goering under close observation and treatment at the Langbro Psychopathic Hospital.

It read: Captain Hermann Goering, who is to begin a cure from the consequences of narcotics, contracted during extreme physical pain, is expected to be restored

to health within six or eight weeks. He will be administered treatments at this hospital, and will not be released from here until fully recovered.

Olof Kinberg (Head Physician).

Langbro Hospital, May 8th, 1922.

Later evidence was given that Hermann Goering, on Sept. 1, 1925, had been transferred, under special police escort, from Aspudens Hospital to Katarina Hospital in Stockholm, another mental institution, and recorded as patient 201.

THE HE THREW A TERRIFIC FIT OF RAGE AND HAD TO BE LOCKED UP IN A PADDED CELL.

Had Stolen Drugs

On June 22, 1926, the case came to a close. Mrs. Carin Goering's claim to the custody of her son was rejected. Young Thomas was, by order of the Court, placed in charge of trustees.

However, Hermann Goering was not released so soon from the insane asylum, despite Professor Kinberg's optimistic estimate of "six to eight weeks."

And in the records of the Stockholm Police Department one will find that Goering, Sept. 6, 1927—more than a year later—again was in need of help for mental disorder.

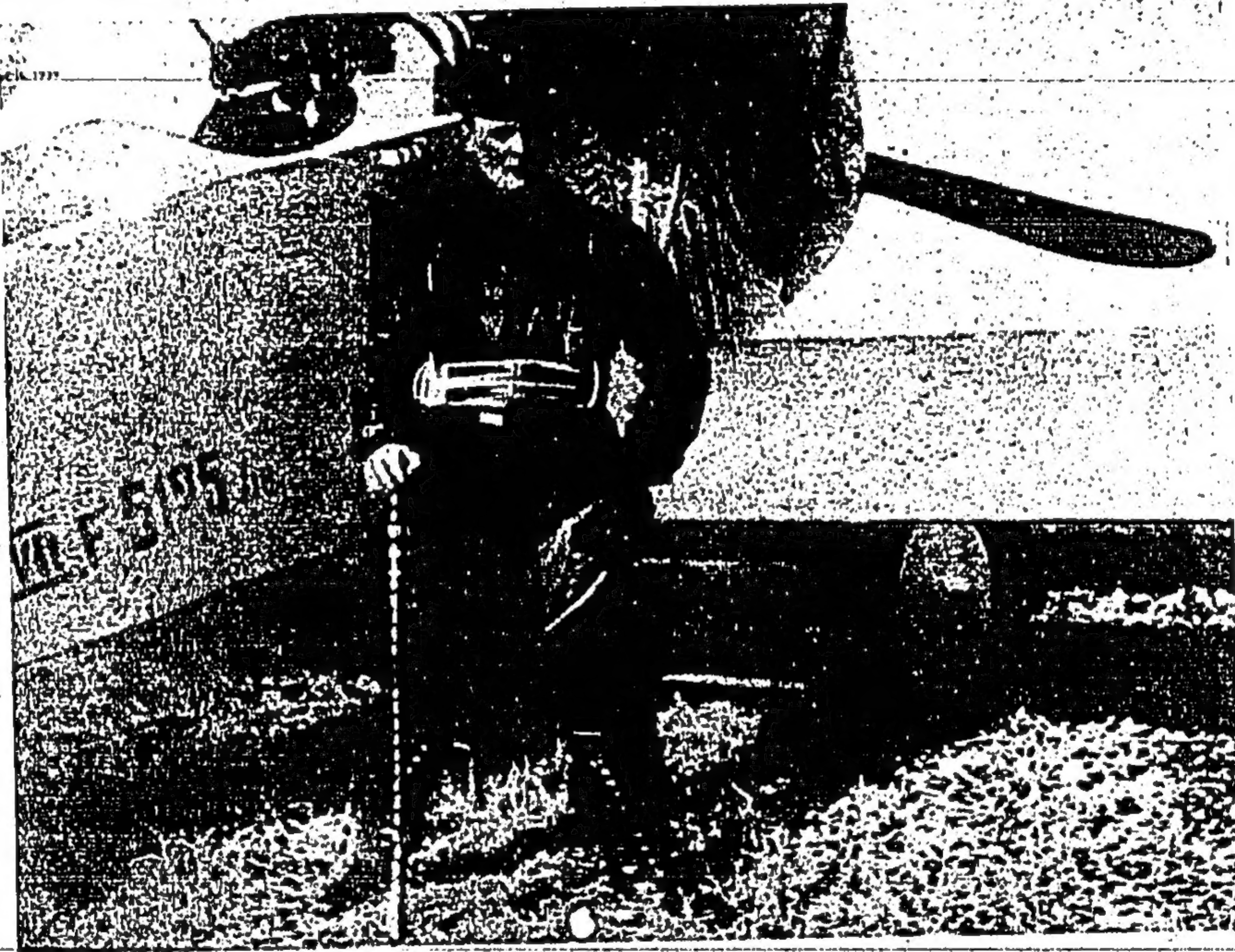
One nurse told under oath how Goering often flew into violent rages, particularly when he found himself without his drugs.

When he first entered Aspudens Hospital he was still in possession of a German cane inside of which was a long stiletto knife. With this weapon he threatened the women nurses.

Once, when caught trying to hide a bottle of morphine which he had just stolen from the hospital drug department, Goering lunged at the throat of his nurse and tried to choke her.

At the close of the year 1927 Hermann Goering returned to his native country reputedly cured.

GOERING IN THE GREAT WAR



Goering in 1916, when he was with Richtofen's squadron.

As Captain Goering hides of morphine and has hidden Carin Goering's full fisherman's tale, hides of epileptic and all other diseases, hidden and oblique for her son Thomas Kantzow, witness

Stockholm 16 April 1926

Karl A. R. Lundberg

By Lie.

HERE is the actual affidavit certifying Goering as a morphine addict. It was produced in court during the legal battle between Goering and his wife for the custody of their son.

"So My Boy will Live!" Why A Mother Weeps

WHEN the London "Sunday Pictorial" quietly broke the news to a sad-eyed widow that her eighteen-year-old soldier son had escaped the gallows by a Home Office reprieve, she broke down and wept unrestrainedly.

Then a faint smile of relief brightened her pale face and she murmured: "I am so glad my boy will live."

The son, Jack Humphreys, of Canterbury-road, Dagenham, Manchester, was sentenced to death at Leeds Assizes for the murder of his aunt, Miss Sarah Jane Brooks at her home, Coniston Mount, Stanningley, Leeds. The jury made a strong recommendation to mercy.

Miss Brooks was found dead with stab wounds after foremen had been called to the house. Humphreys was alleged to have taken the police to a place where he had hidden £200 taken from the premises.

He said he killed her while they were listening to the radio. His counsel pleaded that there was evidence of insanity in the family.

In disjointed sentences, going over the incidents in the life of her son since he was born in an army barracks, Mrs. Humphreys revealed last night that Jack, when he was only three, fell thirty feet from a window in Morecambe, Lancashire.

"He still has head right open and I fear that the wound may have had a serious effect on him," she said.

Loved His Mother

"He was a lonely boy and had few friends. Always he was very attached to his mother," she went on, as she took from a drawer a small vanity case in a silken pouch. "Jack just worshipped me. He gave me this for my birthday last September."

Mrs. Humphreys treasures a little envelope containing her son's swimming certificates and school reports. In the living room of their little home are several articles of furniture made by Humphreys in his spare time. "He wanted to be a cabinet-maker and made many beautiful articles for neighbours."

Though only forty years old, Mrs. Humphreys is a grandmother.

URGES HITLER SILENCE

Washington, May 14. Senator Theodore F. Green has urged the Government and economic leaders to restrain from denunciations of Hitler, lest it create a war psychology and push the United States into war.

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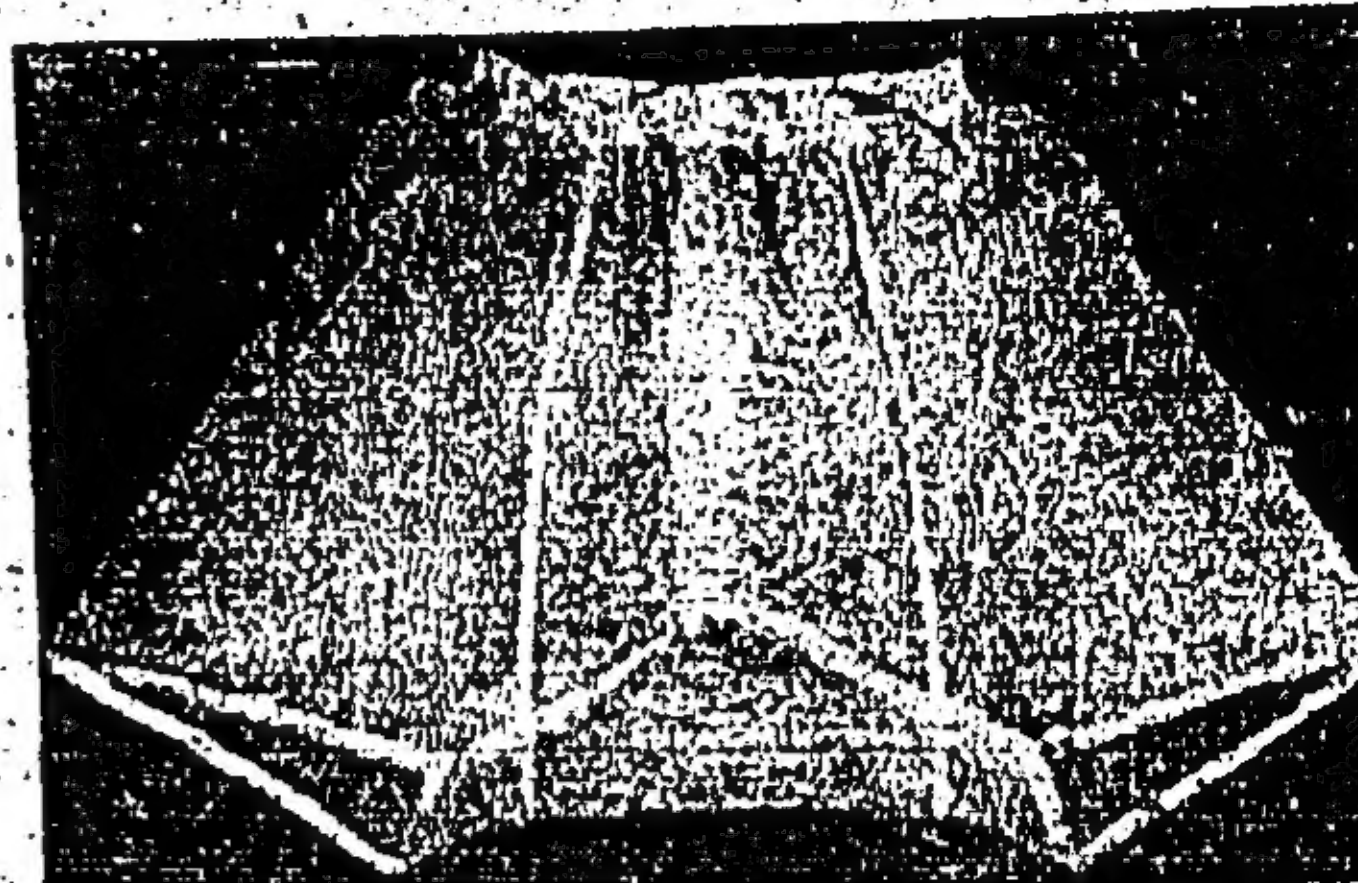
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Japan Bamboozled by Chinese Strategy

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CHUNGKING.—From behind the lines of Japan's invading war machine, Gen. Yeh Ting, Commander of the new Chinese Fourth Army, brings to his remote capital moving description of the way China is using age-old devices to defend its slender hold on freedom.

General Yeh usually is out of reach and out of sight as he secretly directs his army within territory claimed by the Japanese. In a rare interview he told how his ammunition must be smuggled past vigilant Japanese sentries.

With other guerrilla chieftains, his task is to strike swift blows at the invader, and then vanish with his army into the surrounding countryside.

Although a comparative newcomer among China's guerrilla leaders, General Yeh has already made a name for himself. His exploits rival those of the veteran Eighth Route Army that surged out of South China in 1932 for the relief of beleaguered Shanghai.

Disrupt Japanese

The Japanese months ago occupied Shanghai, Nanking, and Tientsin. Yet the reorganized Fourth Army under General Yeh has its base in the border region between Kiangsu and Anhwei, near China's lost capital of Nanking.

On several occasions the Fourth Army has disrupted railway traffic between Nanking and Tientsin. This exploit is the more surprising in view of Japan's nominal occupation of the entire territory from Nanking in central China to Tientsin in the far north.

Another exploit carried out with unusual secrecy was the stoppage of traffic on the most important railway in Japan's hands. This is the short line down the southern bank of the Yangtze River from Nanking to Shanghai.

Exploits cheer the guerrilla soldiers, but they lead a hard life. Recently General Yeh had to leave his army behind the Japanese outposts, while he hurriedly crossed over to the Chinese capital at Chungking. His funds had been running low. Supplies were not coming through as they should. His soldiers complained of miserable clothing and poor arms.

Looks Like Merchant

General Yeh stayed at one of the least pretentious of Chungking's hotels. No sentry guarded his room, and the lowest of hotel boys could have approached him without difficulty. Such accessibility is particularly striking in China, where sentries and guards are everywhere. The General is a well-built, rather stocky Cantonese. His black hair, which is cut short, has a few gray streaks. His eyes are alert and his face smooth, and he looks more like a Chinese merchant than a guerrilla leader.

General Yeh commanded the troops which participated in the ill-fated Canton Commune, after the failure of which he went into exile. He left both the Communist Party and the Kuomintang, feeling that neither could succeed in solving China's problems. At the present time he still does not belong to any political party. After visiting Russia and Germany, and travelling through Europe, Yeh settled down in Macao, Portuguese China, and lived quietly until the outbreak of war called him home.

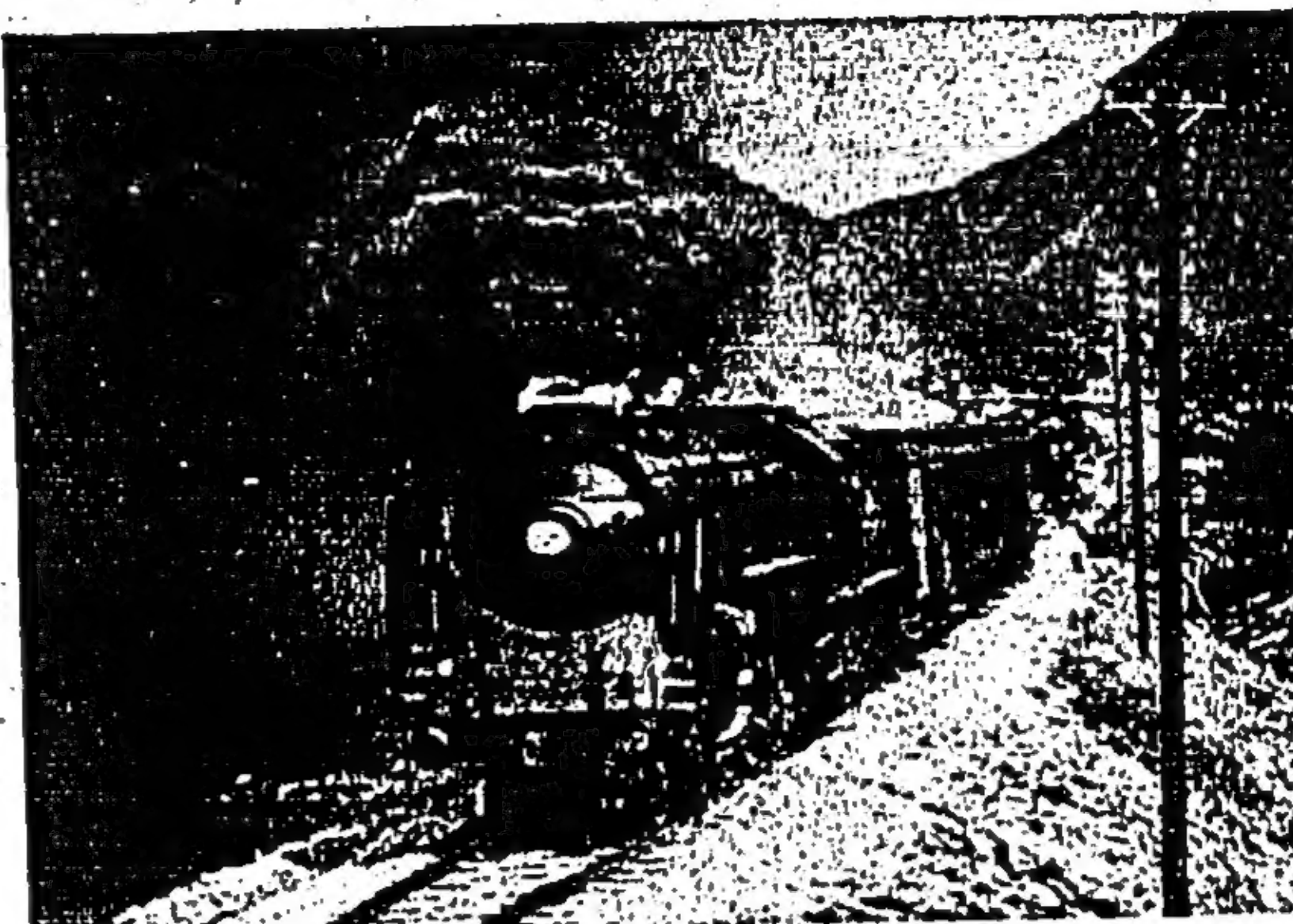
The New Fourth Army has grown from 10,000 to 30,000, General Yeh said. It has no difficulty in obtaining recruits. For every rifle many steps forward. Furthermore, the army has established a training school for commanders and political workers, which in three or four months trains a class of 500 or 600. After a political worker is trained, he is assigned to one of the army units, and is expected to educate his men politically, to teach them the meaning of war, to build up their morale, and to see to it that they behave properly towards the populace.

The New Fourth Army fights many battles, but few of them are on a large scale. "We do not engage the Japanese in major battles," General Yeh said, "but we achieve our purpose by piling up many small ones, in which we are sure to be victorious."

It is well known that on several occasions conflicts of various sorts have occurred between the New Fourth Army and the regular armies. Asked if such conflicts were serious, General Yeh answered: "Such incidents as have taken place have been of minor importance."

LATE NEWS

GERMANS GAIN VITAL RAILWAY



THE ALLIED withdrawal from Namsos last week resulted in the German seizure of the railway shown above.

"Cobber" Is First British Ace Of War

"COBBER," the 21-year-old New Zealand airman whose exploits were reported recently, has become Britain's first air ace of the war.

Evacuation Scheme

Reminder To Those Who Have Not Registered

The Postmaster General, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, issued a reminder yesterday regarding the scheme for evacuation of women and children from Hongkong in case of emergency. He said:

It has come to my notice that in many cases women and children of British nationality who were registered in connection with the scheme before the outbreak of war, have since changed their place of residence without notification; and there is also reason to believe that many who have since then removed into the Colony have not yet registered themselves or their children.

It is considered desirable that the register should be kept up to date by routine notifications, in order that if and when an emergency threatens the task of the authorities may not be rendered more difficult by last-minute additions or alterations to the numbers for whom arrangements are to be made, and a routine revision of the register will be undertaken every six months.

All women and children, that is to say, boys under the age of 18 and girls of any age, should be registered for this purpose with the Postmaster General, G.P.O. Building, Hongkong. Particulars, which should be sent by post (no postage required), are: Name in full, full postal address of residence, name, sex and age of each child, and whether the person regis-

For "Cobber" — otherwise Pilot Officer E. Kain—brought down his fifth enemy aircraft before his Hurricane was shot down. He escaped by parachute.

Only after a pilot has entered his fifth victory in his log book is he regarded as an "ace"—and then only unofficially.

A "Pal"

"Cobber"—the word means "pal" in New Zealand—was eighteen when he arrived to join the R.A.F. on a short service commission.

His family is still in Wellington. Already, of course, he is the hero of all small boys in his home town.

Two machines have been shot down under him. Now he is waiting for his third new fighter.

He was the first man to bring down a German Dornier on the Western Front.

That was early in the war. The first sight that anyone had of him after that victory was when he ran upstairs into the mess carrying a badly-smashed—German—machine-gun.

It was his souvenir—and about the only piece that had not been smashed to bits when his victim crashed.

In Hospital

Twice his machine has been set on fire. The first time he was caught among a number of enemy machines over enemy territory.

His plane came down in France. He struggled out of the cockpit, collapsed, and woke up to find himself in hospital.

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NAZIS IN SEDAN: RAPID ADVANCE EAST OF MEUSE

THE ENTIRE AREA OF BELGIUM, EAST OF THE MEUSE RIVER, IS NOW IN GERMAN HANDS.
This area comprising the Ardennes mountain region stretches from the Luxembourg border westward to the Meuse.
The Germans are on the right bank of the Meuse on which lies the important Belgian cities of Liege, Namur, Dinant and, in French territory, Sedan.
Sedan, one of the big cities on the Franco-Belgian border which was the scene of bitter fighting 25 years ago was evacuated yesterday.

The Germans claim that it is now in their hands. This claim has now been substantiated by reports from Paris.
Sedan, according to maps of France, is behind the Maginot Line so that if the German claim is correct the Nazis appear to have pierced the Maginot Line defences at this point.

Battle Of The Meuse By HERBERT KING UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, May 14 (UP).—A German mechanized column took Sedan, the French border city, as the greatest battle of mechanized forces the world has ever seen continued along the Belgian second line of defence and on the Maginot Line inside the French border.
Another German mechanized column advanced on Dinant as German bombers, co-operating with ground forces, bombed and strafed the French advance guards who had contacted the ground forces.
The French claim the first phase of the battle is nearly over in the Meuse river sector, with Allied planes heavily bombing the German rear-guards, slowing them up with heavy losses of life.
The Germans are concentrating their greatest power along the entire front in the Belgian Ardennes and Meuse sectors in an effort to outflank the left wing of the Maginot Line.

HUGE GERMAN DRIVE TOWARDS NORTH SEA

By HERBERT KING (UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

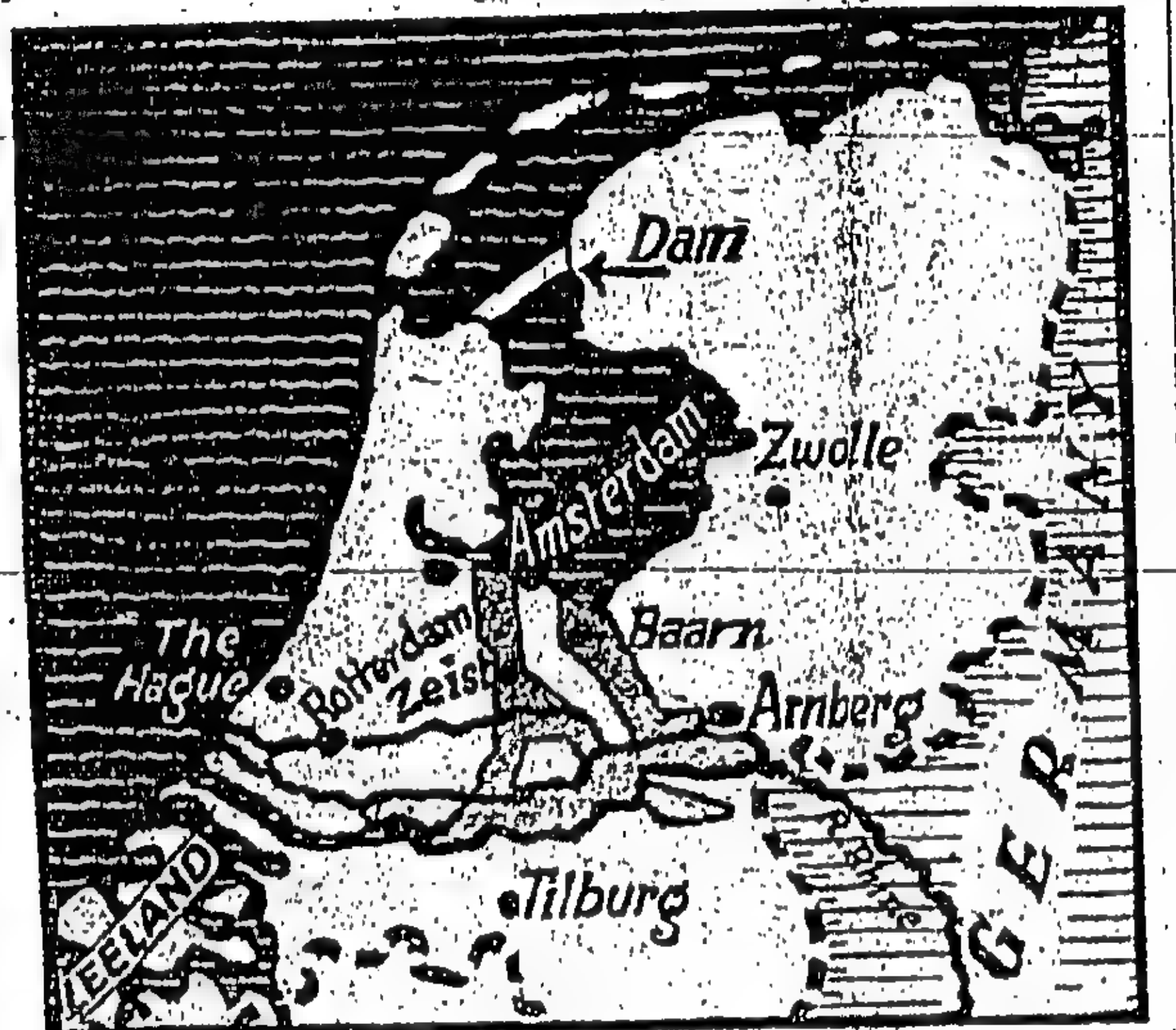
PARIS, May 14 (UP).—The fifth day of the great German attack through Belgium and Holland saw the offensive assume a distinctly dual character. Firstly, and most important, the Germans have launched a terrific drive towards the North Sea. Their main objective appears to be to gain control of the entire area north of the River Schelde, which empties into the sea at Belgium's great seaport of Antwerp.

The second objective is to break through the Maginot Line in the vicinity of Sedan or at Longwy. Longwy is the big French city near where the Belgian, Luxembourg and French borders meet.

Race Against Time
On the one hand, a million and a half Germans are making their mechanized units westwards and southwards.
An equal number of British and French troops are rushing eastwards and north-eastwards.
When the two forces meet, the world will reverberate to a clash such as it has never known before.

Two-Axis Offensive
The German offensive is progressing on two axes. Firstly, they are pouring through Belgium and Holland from Antwerp (Aix-la-Chapelle) past Liege and Maastricht in the direction of Brussels and Antwerp.
Secondly, they are driving from Coblenz and Trier through Luxembourg towards the River Meuse and the Meuse Valley.
The French claim that the heavy Maginot Line fortifications at Longwy and in the Moselle sector further south have completely halted all German thrusts in these areas.
Longwy, an important steel mill centre, is under direct bombardment. Heavy German attacks have also been broken in Forbach and Wissembourg.

Great Tank Battle
French motorized units are already engaged in the great tank battle in central Belgium, two thousand tanks being involved in what was the first all-mechanized battle in history.
The French claim to be holding the German advance in this sector at Tullefont, Tongres and north of Nuy.
The Germans, apparently, hope to turn the left wing of the Maginot Line by breaking across the Meuse between Namur and Givet, where a



Map showing the Zeeland area, the only part of Holland in which resistance will be continued.

Mammoth Air Battles on the Western Front

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AIR BATTLES ON A MAMMOTH SCALE ARE TAKING PLACE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, LATEST REPORTS FROM THE WESTERN FRONT INDICATE.

Several hundred British, French and German planes have apparently engaged in the world's greatest battle over Sedan, the French city on the Maginot Line which the Germans claim to have entered.

A "United Press" message from Berlin quotes DNB as reporting that 69 British and French planes were brought down over Sedan.

There is no report from Allied sources of the battle.

R.A.F. Bombers Active
Bombers of the R.A.F., however, are engaged in increasing numbers in attacking the German armies which are engaged in the attempt to cross the Meuse River between Namur and Sedan.

No details are available, says "Reuters", of the R.A.F. action, but it is understood that every available R.A.F. machine that can take to the air has been engaged in continuous operations.
Germany's Blitzkrieg air attacks on France have increased in ferocity during the past 24 hours and throughout yesterday, air raids on north-east France were continuous.

Maternity Hospital Wrecked
In one village a small maternity hospital was wrecked.
A large number of civilians have been killed.
A British Air Ministry communique says:

"The object of our air operations in the battle now developing in the Low Countries has been to harass the enemy's communications and to protect the advance of the Allied troops."
Throughout Monday and Tuesday night, our bombers continued to attack the enemy on the roads, railways and bridges leading to the Dutch and Belgian battlefields.

Roads Blocked
"Considerable damage has been done to enemy lines of communication."
The roads in Brabant (Holland) have been successfully blocked.
Further north on the Dutch battlefields, important railway bridges were attacked and a fire was seen to break out.

"Our fighter aircraft have been constantly on patrol over the battle-field and have successfully shot down the enemy's bombers."
"Our fighter pilots inflicted on the enemy, to-day, at least four times as much damage as they themselves suffered."

Paris, May 15 (UP).—The German drive on Brussels from Liege and the King Albert Canal has been halted in the greatest mechanized battle the world has ever known.
Two thousand tanks were engaged in the battle, which took place on a front extending from Tongres, Tullefont and north of Huy.
The battlefield is littered with the wrecks of tanks of both sides which have been put out of action.
The battle took place a mile in front of the strong defensive positions which the Belgians had erected after their retreat from the King Albert Canal fortifications.
French reports claim that the German advance in the sector has been halted everywhere.
It is claimed that the French tank crews, as well as the tanks themselves, showed qualitative equality if not superiority over those of the enemy.

AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM BURN FIERCELY: BLACKOUTS LIFTED TO SAVE CITIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, MAY 14 (UP).—HOLLAND HAS SURRENDERED TO THE GERMAN INVASION.
THE NEWS OF THIS STARTLING AND DRAMATIC CAPITULATION WAS CONTAINED IN AN ORDER ISSUED TO-DAY BY LIEUT.-GENERAL H. G. WINGELMAN, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE NETHERLANDS ARMY, AND AT PRESENT TITULAR HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Fighting is to cease throughout Holland, with the exception of Zeeland, states the communique.

Blackouts and other war measures throughout the country are to be discontinued immediately in order to prevent unnecessary destruction and bloodshed, stated the General's Command.

Thus, the great unoccupied areas, as well as the northern part of central Holland which is overrun, have surrendered.

CITIES ABLAZE

Large sections of Amsterdam and Rotterdam are ablaze.
These fires were caused chiefly by German bombs, and secondly by Dutch defence measures.

The Germans now dominate most of the northern front and have been victorious in the northern sections of central Holland.

ZUYDER ZEE POUNDED

General Winkelman had earlier admitted that the northern provinces were fully in enemy hands but claimed that the Dutch were still holding out at Denshalder, which is the main base overlooking the enclosing dam of the Zuyder Zee where the Germans tried to pierce the dykes between north and northeast Holland.

He said the Germans pounded the Zuyder Zee Dam with heavy artillery and launched one attack this morning which was repulsed.

Dutch Public Stunned
General Winkelman has been the titular head of the Government since the Queen fled to London.
The Dutch public are stunned by the announcement. The press has explained that the Queen was forced to flee to England because the Germans had discovered a plan to set up the Dutch Court in Zeeland and prepared to bomb it.

Earlier Statement
AMSTERDAM, May 14 (Reuters).—According to the Dutch Commander-in-Chief yesterday, the military position in Holland is as follows:
The northern provinces are in the hands of the enemy.
Attempts to attack the dam across the mouth of the Zuyder Zee have been frustrated.
Rotterdam, on the northern side of the River Maas, is in Dutch hands.

Hook Base Held
Holder, the important base at the Hook, is in Dutch hands.
The position at Brabant is uncertain.
Zeeland is in Dutch hands.
On the Dutch frontier the troops have withdrawn to the water line.
Air defence organizations are still working despite serious losses.
The Commander-in-Chief said that the struggle was difficult but the fight was worth while. It was a fight for Dutch independence and existence for freedom won centuries ago, by the Prince of Orange.

Painful Business
The flight of many of the refugees was a wretched and painful business.
Many babies in their mother's arms had not been fed for over 24 hours. Many of the sights were pitiful in the extreme.
Mothers, sisters and wives had left their men-folk behind to carry on the struggle against the invading hordes. Many will never be seen again.

Lord Halifax met the Dutch Government members who arrived in a British cruiser.
Among the refugees was the Earl of Chichester.

"It Was Hell"
He told me: "When we left last night, most of Rotterdam was afire. The Germans were still landing paratroopers."
I spoke to a wounded refugee from Brussels. He had been wounded by a bomb splinter.

"It was hell," he said.
"The noise alone during the four days continuous bombing was enough to drive one insane."

Grave Situation Admitted
PARIS, May 14 (Reuters).—According to well-informed military circles here, the situation in Holland is regarded as grave following the German advance towards Utrecht and Rotterdam.
The military situation in Belgium has hardly varied at all to-day. The German advance guards after their big bound forward of nearly 100 miles, are still in Belgium.

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MUSSOLINI TO GIVE ORDER TO FIGHT?

By Frederick Kuh UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, May 15 (UP).—The anxiety of neutral diplomats in London is growing at the possible imminence of Italy's entry into the war.

Many diplomats believe that Mussolini may order Italian troops to move in the very near future.

Reports that Mussolini has ordered the Italian Ambassador in Madrid to return immediately to Rome to join in the consultations now under way between Il Duce and Aiy Maher Pasha have heightened the uncertainty.

Inducement To Spain
Neutral sources envisage the possibility that Italy will try to induce Spain to join the Axis in military operations, in order to launch a land attack on Gibraltar from the Spanish mainland.

German guns are already reported to have been installed at Sierra Ronda.

According to reliable neutral sources, Italy has been pressing Egypt to conclude a Non-Aggression Pact and thus undermining the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Alliance. Egypt, it is claimed, has steadfastly refused to meet the Italian wishes.

Mass Raids On Britain Threatened

Frank Statement By Nazi Spokesman

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, May 15 (UP).—Germany has issued a frank warning that mass air operations will be launched against England in "the very near future."

A statement to this effect was issued by an authoritative source this morning.
The Nazi spokesman pointed out that the capitulation of the Netherlands would permit German air bases to be instantaneously moved to within 180 miles of the English coast.
In future raids, German bombers would be escorted by Messerschmitt fighters which would engage the R.A.F. pursuit plane while the bombers completed their task.

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BIGGEST RAID DAY OF WAR

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Housewives stood at their front doors watching the shell bursts. Children in schools calmly went on with their lessons.

No attack on any land objective was reported, but two trawlers were bombed and machine-gunned off Scotland, while a steamer off the East Coast radioed that she, too, was being attacked.

The day's casualties were—nil, though a woman in a Tyneside town had her glasses broken by shrapnel.

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But he's gone back to sea

JOHN GILL, twenty-two-year-old Sunderland seaman who was a prisoner in the Graf Spee, turned up to see his mother with his arm in a sling. A Nazi plane bombed and machine-gunned his ship on his first voyage since coming home, and he got a flesh wound.

But he left home again to rejoin his ship.

His mother, who lives in St. Bede's terrace, Sunderland, said: "He told me that two members of the crew were killed, and the chief engineer was hurt."

Gill was a seaman in the Whitby steamer Stronshall, the last merchant vessel to be sunk by the raider Graf Spee.

He was thrown into the sea from a boat, while he was lowering it. The captain kept sharks away from him by throwing coal at them. One of the first shells that hit the Graf Spee during the battle of the River Plate hurled him fifteen feet, but he was unhurt.

HELPERS THANKED

In connection with the Bridge, Mahjong, Poker, Swis Game and Vingt-et-Un Party which was arranged on the spur of the moment and held recently at the Kowloon Cricket Club, Mrs. Evelyn Harloe writes to thank Messrs. R. B. Landis and Wallace Harper for carrying out a chance idea of hers, with extraordinary energy and decision, and making such a great success of it.

The approximate sum of \$800 realized will be handed to the Treasurer of the British War Organisation Fund. Mrs. Harloe also thanks the Committee and members of the K.C.C. who lent the Club with such good will; the ladies and gentlemen who kindly helped with the arrangements; and all those who so generously supported the effort, a large number of whom were members of the American community.

And Click Went The Camera—

Photographer R. Saldman was on a routine visit to a Fighter Command station when a bell rang.

A mechanic standing near him whispered: "This is the real thing. Raiders have been sighted."

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Issy Bonn, Frances Day, Leslie Hutchinson and Others.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 A Programme of Latest Dance Music.

7.02 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.05 London Relay—"No Man's Time." Variety.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Songs by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).

8.15 Dvorak—Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 95 ("The New World").

The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

8.58 Two Songs from Opera by Lulsi Fort (Tenor).

9.01 The Regimental Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Magazine Feature Programme No. 2.

Including recorded talk by an Australian journalist on a British Fighter squadron, by an Indian officer in the Indian Army, and by a Welsh trawler skipper whose ship was shelled and sunk by a U-boat.

9.45 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

10.00 Grand Variety Programme.

11.00 Close Down.

Christ Church To Hold Concert In St. Andrew's Hall

The Christ Church Concert to be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Friday at 8.45 p.m. promises a good evening's entertainment. A varied programme will be provided by well-known artists. Miss Yoo Tachin-chin, whose recent pianoforte recital at the Peninsula Hotel delighted all who heard it and won her high praise will play a Mozart Sonata, a charming piece by Mr. Les Gibben, a humorous duet by Helen Lockhart and John Smith, and a character sketch by Mr. David Kosloski, who composes the whole show.

Light humorous items are included—an illuminated Indian club act by Mr. J. T. K. Gibben, a conjuring trick by Mr. Les Gibben, a humorous duet by Helen Lockhart and John Smith, and a character sketch by Mr. David Kosloski, who composes the whole show.

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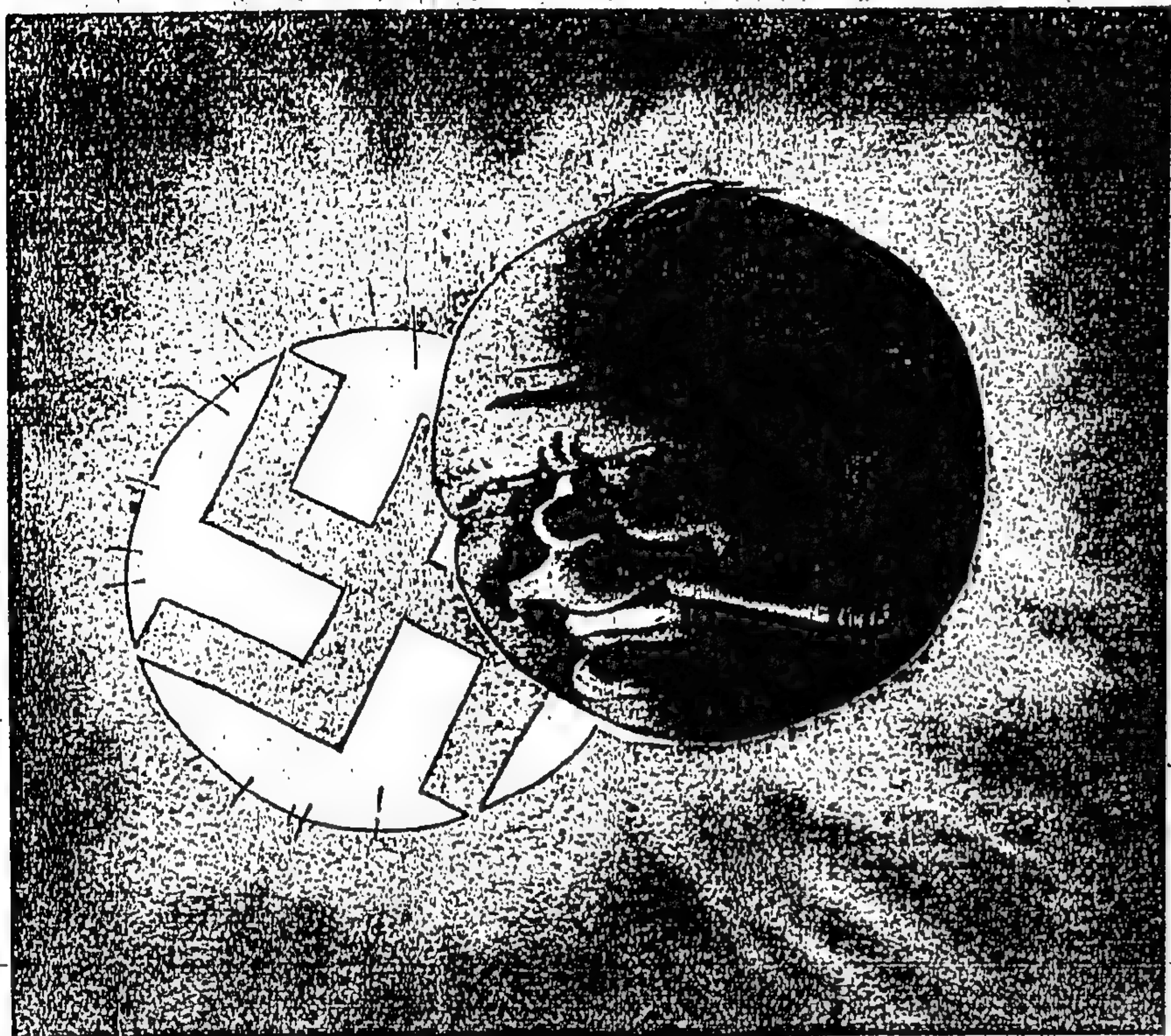


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A Totalitarian Eclipse Has Been Arranged!

Meet the Navy's "ACID DROP"

by Paul Holt

THE odds are that one name will come to the surface, to defeat the Navy's liking for reticence and privacy, to take its place, when this war is over, with the English names of Blake and Beatty, Nelson and Jellison.

It's a Welsh name—Phillips. Christian name Tom. It belongs to a little admiral who doesn't sail the seas.

I first heard the name of Vice-Admiral Tom Spencer Vaughan Phillips mentioned by Winston Churchill at the Guildhall luncheon to the men of the Exeter and the Ajax on February 23.

CHURCHILL, that day, was talking to the Navy. Not to civilians. There were phrases in his speech—the raised "amid the tangles of a one-sided neutrality" when he talked about the Cosack rescue of the Altmark men from a Norwegian fjord—which were intended for the world.

But the bulk of his words were for the Navy. He talked about "your friend . . . the one you sank . . . the Graf Spee." And he paid tribute, as the Navy would want him to do, to the men who made the River Plate victory possible. To Sir Henry Harwood and Sir Dudley Pound, the First Sea Lord.

But because I hadn't heard the name mentioned before, I paid more attention when he paid tribute to Vice-Admiral Tom Phillips.

And now he has paid further tribute. He has made Admiral Tom Phillips Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff. Before, he was deputy chief. Now, it is clear from the Downing-street announcement of his appointment, he takes on when Sir Dudley Pound leaves off. The announcement talks about twenty-four-hour warfare.

WHO is this Tom Phillips? Nobody knows him. The lower deck don't know him. They haven't a nickname for him. They don't call him Giner, which is the name they have for Admiral of the Fleet the Earl of Cork and Orrery.

At the Admiralty he is well known by sight, but few know him to talk to. He is shorter than Napoleon, who stood 5ft. 6ins. I'd give him Nelson's 5ft. 4ins.



Two brains with just over a single brain

He is, I'd say from a sight of him, on the heavy side of a featherweight. Say nine stone dead. He has small feet, a grim little rat-trap of a mouth which turns up at the corners. He probably has a lot of secret jokes to himself that nobody, not even Churchill, knows about.

In his posed pictures he wears his hat at the Beatty tilt, but often forgets to keep that pose and puts it on dead straight.

I'm not suggesting that this is his affectionate nickname, but somebody who sees him most days summed him up to me as the "Acid Drop." H. C. Ferraby, Daily Express naval reporter, says cheerily "Why he's all brains and no body, like me."

Put him up against the 5ft. 4ins. bulk of Ironside at a War Council meeting, and you'd say it was a new music-hall act. Jettison and Clapham. But these two men are the brains of the Army, the brains of the Navy.

ADMIRAL Tom Phillips got to where he is to-day because, for one period in his life, he had nothing to do. For three years of the last war he was commander of the cruiser Lancaster on the Pacific station. All he had to do was pace the Pacific in case something turned up. Nothing turned up. As Fred Astaire sings: He joined the Navy, and what did he see? He saw the sea.

For three years, from 1916 to 1919, he kept cruising while the Admiralty, from time to time, would promote him. At decent intervals they would make him acting commander, commander, acting captain, to show that they had not forgotten him. Commander Phillips spent those thirty-six months studying naval strategy and tactics. He worked out new theories, evolved new plans of attack.

He came home from that long vigil in the sun with his head

cramped full of ideas, and it is quite clear that he could talk about them, for his subsequent career shows that he has been trained, step by step, for the post he holds to-day.

His superior, Sir Dudley Pound, is a "big ship man." He thinks in terms of battle cruisers. But Tom Phillips is a little ship man. Light cruisers, destroyers, torpedo boats are his specialty. The smaller the ship, the happier he is. He will only admit to one hobby. He likes sailing. I guess he'd be happiest in a 10ft. pram with a bamboo mast stepped in the fore seat and his leg over the tiller.

HE is fifty-two, the son of an Army colonel and a grandson of one of Queen Victoria's admirals. He has served his time at the Admiralty in the Plans Department, and has been head man of the destroyer force in home waters. He is a mystery man to his fellow admirals. All they know about him is that he is very clever. His only notable foible is that he runs a pencil through Thomas Spencer Vaughan, which are his Christian names, and substitutes Tom.

Why? Is it his joke? Does he mean Tom Thumb? Nobody knows. Nobody dare ask him.

Spotting The Rank

A Lieut.-Colonel takes executive command of a regiment or battalion and is the actual officer responsible for the discipline and fitness of his unit.

He is selected for this command from the field officers of the regiment to which he belongs, though occasionally a Lieut.-Colonel from another unit is appointed to command.

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Next country on the list?

FOR the first time since war began the people of Jugo-Slavia are being told as openly as officials dare that they, too, may be drawn into the war.

Their papers are doing things they would not be allowed to do before the invasion of Scandinavia and the Lowlands. They are printing little notices daily saying: "The enemy will rain down death from the skies. He will try to sabotage the army, blow up bridges, mine roads."

One paper came out with an officially inspired article saying that Jugo-Slavin must be prepared to fight an enemy five times her size and another three times her size—meaning Germany and Italy.

These are little things, but when it is realised that five weeks ago they would have brought hot protests from Germany regarding "infringement of neutrality and provocation to her great neighbours," you get some idea of the way Jugo-Slavia is facing danger before it is too late.

Not that Jugo-Slavia is strong enough to come out openly with her pro-Allied feelings. The German Fifth Column is still strong. In spite of the fact that so far more than two hundred have been asked to go home.

THEN the Croats are still being whipped into unrest from outside. Vinko Mathek, their chief politician, who made peace with the Serbs for the price of Croat autonomy is being attacked in pamphlets smuggled in from extreme Croats are being supported by Italy in a policy to separate Croatia.

Then there is the 600,000 German minority, who have announced that they have at last chosen as leader Dr. Josef Janko from Slovenia, near the Austrian border.

The Serbs are not blind, but they cannot do much more than they are doing now until our policy in the Balkans becomes more definite than it has been, until we can tell them: "If the Germans invade, we will send you so much help, and in such form, and in such time."

They feel that they are in a much more dangerous situation than even Rumania, because the general opinion here is that, if Germany should invade Jugo-Slavia, Italy would try to seize Croatia and the Dalmatian coast, in order to "protect" her interests.

JUGO-SLAVIA'S reaction to this has been to open her back door to Russia with an economic delegation to Moscow, but the hoped-for Allied help is still unobtainable. The Germans would object, but they object to everything that tends to get Jugo-Slavia from their grasp.

The other day, in darkened cinemas, their agents showered down leaflets saying that Jugo-Slavia had better kow-tow to Germany, or else. . . . The fiercest anti-German demonstration Belgrade has known since the war began. The police had hardly begun their inquiries before the German Press attaché called on them and complained that the leaflets were the latest manifestation of the British secret service.

DESPATCH FROM JUGO-SLAVIA BY SYDNEY MORRELL

How he knew about the leaflets or the police inquiries he did not explain, but the fact is that the British have no printing press in Jugo-Slavia. The French have, but it prints in Cyrillic letters. The leaflets were printed in Latin characters.

The Germans forgot this point, but the police still think it is a good joke.

A Slavonic alphabet (used by the Slavs of the Eastern Church) and ascribed to St. Cyril.

DID YOU WONDER?

When Animated Cartoons Were Invented?

What was probably the first one-reel animated cartoon was drawn by Winsor McCay, the originator of "Little Nemo in Slumberland." The animation concerned the adventures of "Gertie, the Dinosaur," and it took McCay more than a year to make the 10,000 pen-and-ink drawings that made up the film.

"Gertie" appeared in 1909; and about the same time J. R. Bray also used up acres of white paper in producing an animated cartoon which he sold to Pathé for \$2,000. However, Bray saw that too many drawings had to be made for even a short cartoon to make animation commercially profitable.

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These early figures could never pass in front of any background object, because the background pen lines would show through the figures. This difficulty was met by filling in the figure with opaque gray, black, and white, so the figure blotted out whatever background lines it happened to cross.

Then, too, by putting more than one sheet of celluloid over the background, it became no longer necessary to re-draw the entire figure when, for example, the only action was the waving of a hand. Just the movements of the hand were drawn on one series of celluloid sheets, the unmoving parts of the figure being drawn just once on a single sheet of celluloid placed under the sheets with the hand animation on them.

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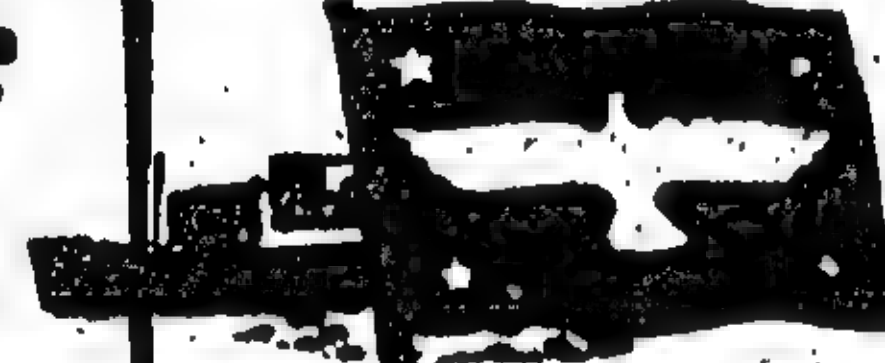
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What does Nazi Germany think of France? Why did Hitler invade Belgium and Holland?

Below, Professor Eward Banse reveals the secrets of German thought to you.

He is one of the Nazi hierarchy in Germany, and wrote, in 1933, what was to become the text book of the German military machine. A copy of the book was received in London and, despite strenuous efforts on the part of the Nazis, was translated into English.

Professor Banse's indiscretions permit us to know, in even more astonishing detail than does "Mein Kampf", the reasons that have made Germany the most hated and most feared country the world has ever known.

The words below are the words of Germany, as placed on paper by the author of its modern military text-book.

NOW read what he has to say about his country's neighbours in the west, and remember that this is the opinion of all Nazis and of many Germans who are not Nazis.

We Germans readily admit that the present boundary line is an uncommonly advantageous one for France, but no one must take it unless it modestly indicate our aspirations for the future.

From our point of view the best frontier would run from the Jura along the ridge to the west of the upper Moselle and the upper Meuse and, ending westwards and keeping south of the chalk and tertiary regions, to the valley of the Somme and up to the sea—or at the very least along the chalk ridge of Artois.

This frontier has, of course, the disadvantage that it takes in a French population, but that could be got over by making a present of these sons and daughters of France to their under-populated motherland.

On the other hand, it possesses great advantages. It would destroy the fortress-like character of the Paris basin, deprive the French army of the strategically most important base, and ensure that the opening engagements in the war after next shall take place in a region which has fewer natural defences and from which Paris can be reached more quickly.

Besides that, the Channel ports of Boulogne and Calais, which are essential for holding the pistol to England's head as well as most of the coal and iron (Lille, Briey), will be in our hands. Incidentally, a considerable portion of the country involved was formerly German speaking and the rest of it is full of old German (Frankish) place names.

The Maginot Line

THE whole northern and eastern frontier of France has been enormously strengthened since the War; in particular a new defensive scheme, started in 1929, is to make it impregnable by 1934. The main feature of the scheme is the establishment of permanent fortified areas, each occupied by two divisions. Such areas are:

1.—In the region of the western Alps, from Nice to the upper valleys of the Durance and the Arc, which commands the approaches from the Italian river Dora Riparia; and the head of the valley of the Isère, which secures those from the Dora Baltea;

2.—obviously, the opening between the Jura and the Vosges at Belfort.

3.—two in Lorraine; one to the north west of Haguenau and Worth; the other in front of Metz, both connected by an area all prepared for flooding in the Saar basin to the south of Saargemünd.

Besides these permanent fortified areas, which are located at the natural front points in the frontier, numerous strongly fortified posts have been planned. If not already constructed—one at the fort of the Vosges; a couple in front of Saarburg and south east of Metz which are also encased behind two fortified areas; a couple west of Metz and south of Longwy; and a completely detached one in the region of the upper Schelde, which has the plain of French Flanders directly on its left; this plain can be flooded by arrangement from somewhere west of Douai to the sea near Calais.

There is yet a third means of defence which the French are already getting ready in peace time—road barricades.

The biggest are situated—in the Jura; behind the ridge of the Vosges; in front of the middle Meuse from Verdun to somewhere north of Metz.

It must not be forgotten that a well-planned group of similar defences in the east of Belgium forms a useful extension of the French line towards the north. When one also considers that the railway system of northern France and Belgium has been developed to such a pitch that it can rush an army of millions into defenceless German territory along thirteen strategic main line railways working in conjunction with motor roads—in a few days, one is bound to admit that the French military authorities have made a splendid, and admirable use of their oppor-

SECRETS of the NAZI WAR MACHINE

tunities to establish their country's much devalued secret. Paris sits like a spider in the middle of an admirably planned and spun web of steel. In the world war it gave brilliant proof of its efficiency, especially in handling traffic behind the main curve of the front and between the British and French sections of the line.

Paris Is Key To France

Without Paris, with all its troops and railway stations, on its left flank, the French army could hardly have won the race to the sea in September 1914.

One of the most important tasks for the establishment of peace on earth is the weakening, nay the extermination, as far as that is possible, of the Germanic element in France.

Ruthlessly conducted wars, which will reduce the numbers of this French warrior caste; transportation of detachments of them to an eastern Germany of the future, where they would soon become Germanised; cross-breeding of those that remain with southerners and negroes, in which matter the French military authorities have themselves shown the way; progressive means to the decline and fall of France.

Hence we approach the problem of our future relations with France not merely from a political and military but also from an ethnological point of view.

All the wrongs that the old France did to the western Germans in her wars of extermination and rapine must be paid back in kind.

The bloody de-northemising of France must be one of the main items of Germany's defence programme, for only in this way can our eternally restless blood-thirsty neighbors be born of some of their spiritual and physical powers.

A frontier such as the one already described, within which the French language might be exterminated in half a century, would, of course, be a great help in this task.

French Strength Was Surprise

In the War the French soldier—I refer primarily to the northern Frenchman—proved himself a skilful fighter with plenty of endurance, even if not quite the Englishman's stubbornness in defence.

He knew how to conduct himself in the open, and quickly seized any little advantage that came his way.

And the rapidity with which he pulled himself together after the numerous defeats of the first month of the War and resolutely turned round in full retreat to face us at the decisive battle of the Marne on September 6, 1914, came as a surprise to us.

The artillery on the whole impressed us less than the infantry. In general, it was not so much the individual soldier as the spirit pervading the whole army that maintained the honour of France in the world war.



THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME: THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS' SPLENDID CHARGE.

railway system behind them, nor the Germans succeeded in outflanking the enemy; both lengthened their line in a series of frontal encounters as far as Flanders, where our advance failed, owing to the use of imperfectly trained, if gallant, new levies and the flooding of the country by the Belgians. By October 18, 1914, the whole western front was established.

All in all, the Franco-Belgian-Belgian army came off better in the race to the sea than the German.

After the battle of the Marne on September 12-13, the essential thing was, for the Germans, to extend their line along the valley of the Somme as far as the Channel; for the enemy, to bend the German line as far back from the sea as possible at Noyon.

In this the enemy were so far successful that they saved the Channel ports, secured a safe manoeuvring ground for the coming British army between Dunkirk and Amiens, at the same time retaining a very numerous population, the richest in Germanic blood, for France, and giving the German line of trenches the most disadvantageous shape imaginable by the salient at Noyon.

All that the Germans could set against that was, the occupation of the coal mining and industrial area of northern France; the rich mines of Briey; and the mere fact of possessing a scrap of French territory, a triumph which was not sufficient, as the course of the War proved, either to intimidate the enemy or attract the neutrals.

Passing over France's share in the confederation of the German colonies (the Cameroons and Togoland) also her disgraceful and bloodthirsty behaviour towards German civilians in her colonies, and having already discussed elsewhere her military activities in the Dardanelles, Macedonia, and northern Italy, we will present a few final observations on the fundamental nature of Franco-German relations.

Since her political consolidation in the middle of the 18th century, France has been the arch-enemy of our people and our existence as a nation. All this time she has been the constant aggressor, her goal being the Rhine frontier.

For the fact that since then there has existed no state which included all Germans we have primarily to thank France and her deeply ingrained passion for supremacy, at least on the Continent.

All the thoughts and all the actions of the French nation are subordinated to that one great end, and its whole intellectual achievement is but a means to the attainment of the Rhine and the dismemberment of the German People.

Both nations are of equal intellectual rank, both are highly gifted with creative genius; but in all matters of politics the French are superior to the Germans, owing to their national solidarity, their more pronounced corporate sense, their greater devotion to the national ambition, and their superior willingness to go along with the ruling class in this direction.

Alsace And Lorraine

Hence France is a much more dangerous, because more resolute and aggressive, enemy to Germany than Germany is to France. And the extraordinary things is that the whole world sees nothing amiss here. Hardly a single nation would worry its head as to France to-morrow declared that the whole Rhine to be her eastern frontier (did a single nation do so when the Black pestilence was raging on the Rhine?), but there are plenty of them to get on their hind legs the moment Germany wants to fetch her German brethren in Alsace and Lorraine back into the Reich.

With such a restless, ambitious, and brutal nation as the French, obviously there can be no question of peaceful, neighbourly relations—so much should be clear from history of the last four hundred years.

It is a question of eat or be eaten. For the peace of the world it is undoubtedly far better that the final victory should rest with the Germanic nation like the Germans, not with a restless and perpetually covetous one like the French.

All-French talk about the neces-

sity for "security" is cunningly disguised aggression, plus, perhaps, the fear that springs from a bad conscience, seeing how long France has been allowed to work her wicked will on our border lands with almost complete impunity.

As short a while ago as 1919 the French military authorities, prompted by the ambitions I have described, demanded the annexation of the whole left bank of the Rhine, which was only prevented with great difficulty by the English and Americans.

What France would really like to see is a small Germany wedged in between the Rhine and the Oder and split up into numerous independent small states.

All movements calculated to disintegrate Germany, whether inside or outside its borders, are sure of French support.

France invented separatism on the Rhine and lent every sort of aid, financial and otherwise, to the German Marxists of whatever shade of opinion: she planted Poland and Czechoslovakia on our eastern frontier and armed them, and it was she who prevented the union between us and Austria, for the intimidation of whom she also supported the southern Slavs. Wherever we turn in Europe France stands in the way, ready to humiliate and damage us.

But these dragons' teeth which France has sown will one day surely produce their terrible crop.

Belgium In German Eyes

Belgium is one of those miserable states who have been created on the outer hem of German national territory, in defiance of all the facts of nationality, under French, and in this case perhaps also English, influence, with the object of making the numbers of the German race less formidable by splitting them up politically and thus weakening them as a whole. The territory of Belgium was detached from Holland in 1830 by emissaries of the July revolution; in 1839 it was declared an independent entity by the powers and given "perpetual" neutrality, which—having performed its anti-German function—was abolished at Versailles in 1919, Belgium having in the meantime been openly incorporated as an important member of the league of Germany's enemies.

Belgian "Atrocities"

The region between Liege and Mons, right on the Paris-Berlin railway line, is the region whose mining and manufacturing population, incited by Catholic priests and Latin-nationalists, inflicted so much damage by their guerrilla methods on our troops marching through; the atrocities of the sharpshooters of Dinant and Liege are notorious enough.

Obviously a population of this sort, with a Francophile and anti-German indifference towards the outbreak of war between France and Germany chiefly through French eyes and the moment their neutrality was violated by Germany, they took the French side, some with passionate ardour, others through sheer stupidity.

As we have seen above, Belgium had no independent strategic significance. It was simply a factor in both the German and the French plans of campaign; the Germans looked upon it as the way through for their right wing, the French regarded it, or at least its southern portion, as the place where the German right wing was to be annihilated.

Apart from that, Belgium played an important part in the politics of the War, inasmuch as the English government knew of the intended German violation of Belgian neutrality in case of a war at least as far back as 1911, and welcomed it, because it was the only thing that would reconcile English public opinion to a war with Germany and rouse the feelings of the world.

To the passage of the Germans (who incidentally offered to restore Belgian neutrality after the war) Belgium was able to expose the fortresses of Liege and Antwerp, which were admirably constructed and protected by a ring of forts, as well as her army, which took up its position near Louvain.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

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Outside of a very few small transactions the market was not taking much notice of things.

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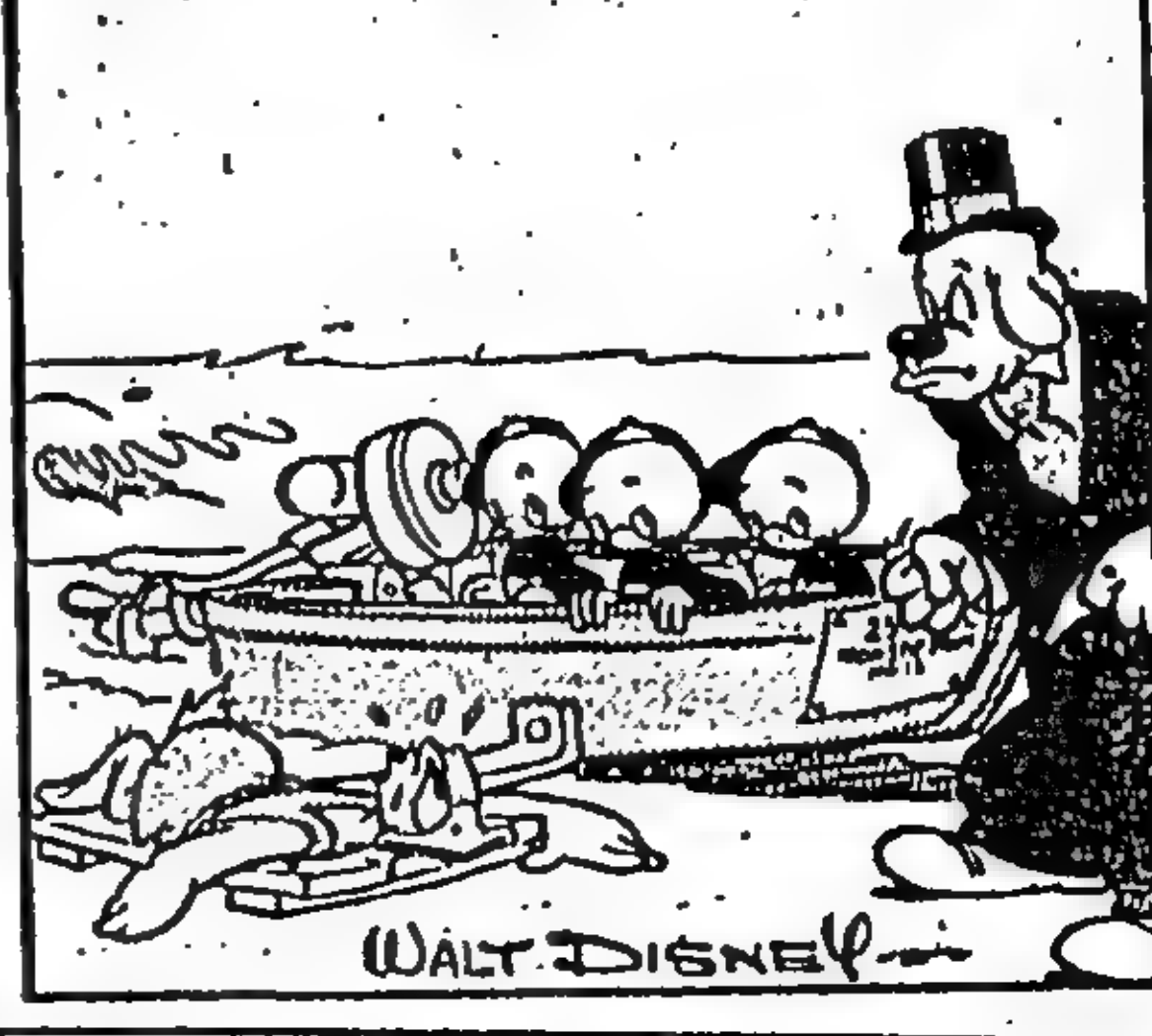
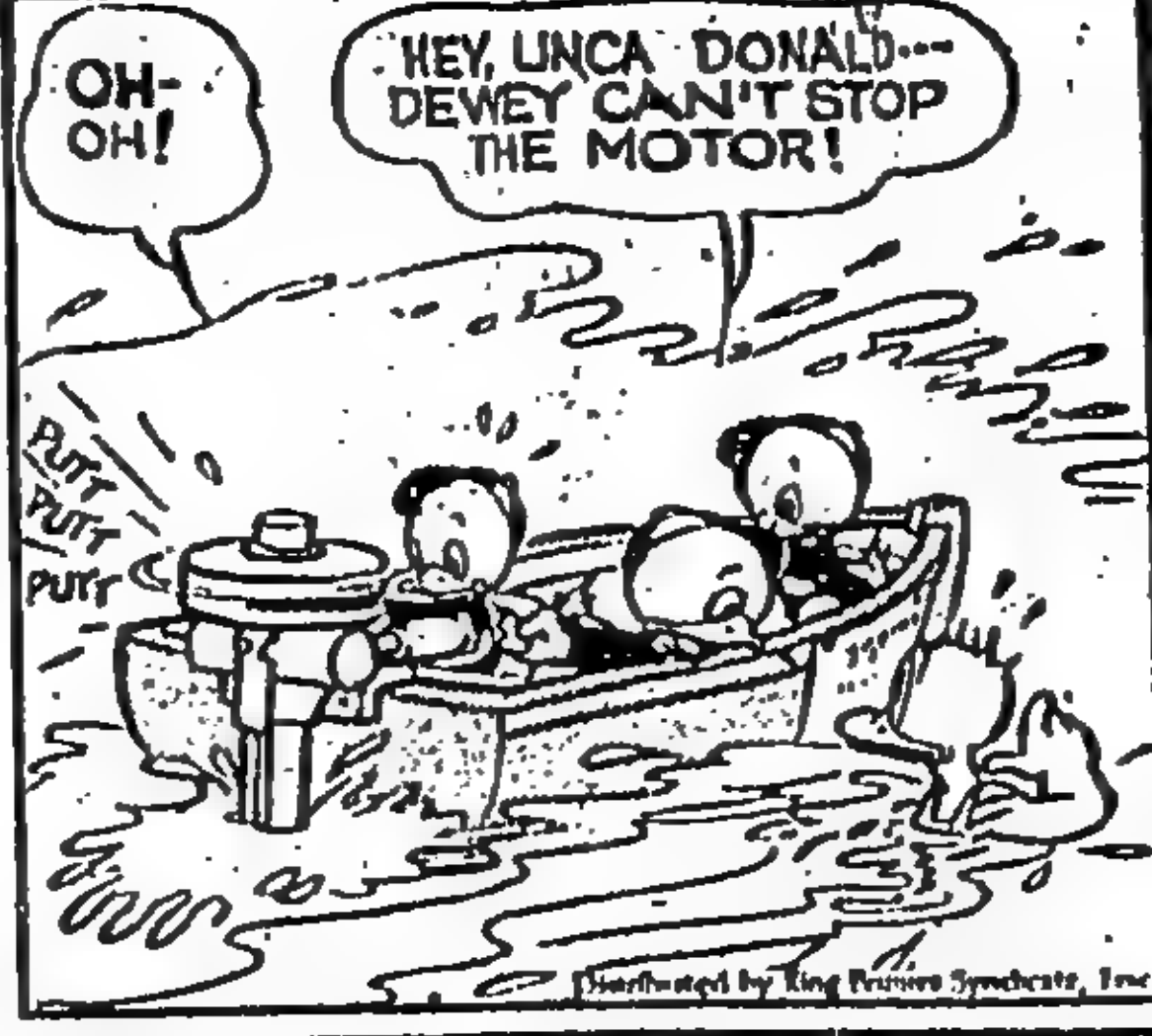
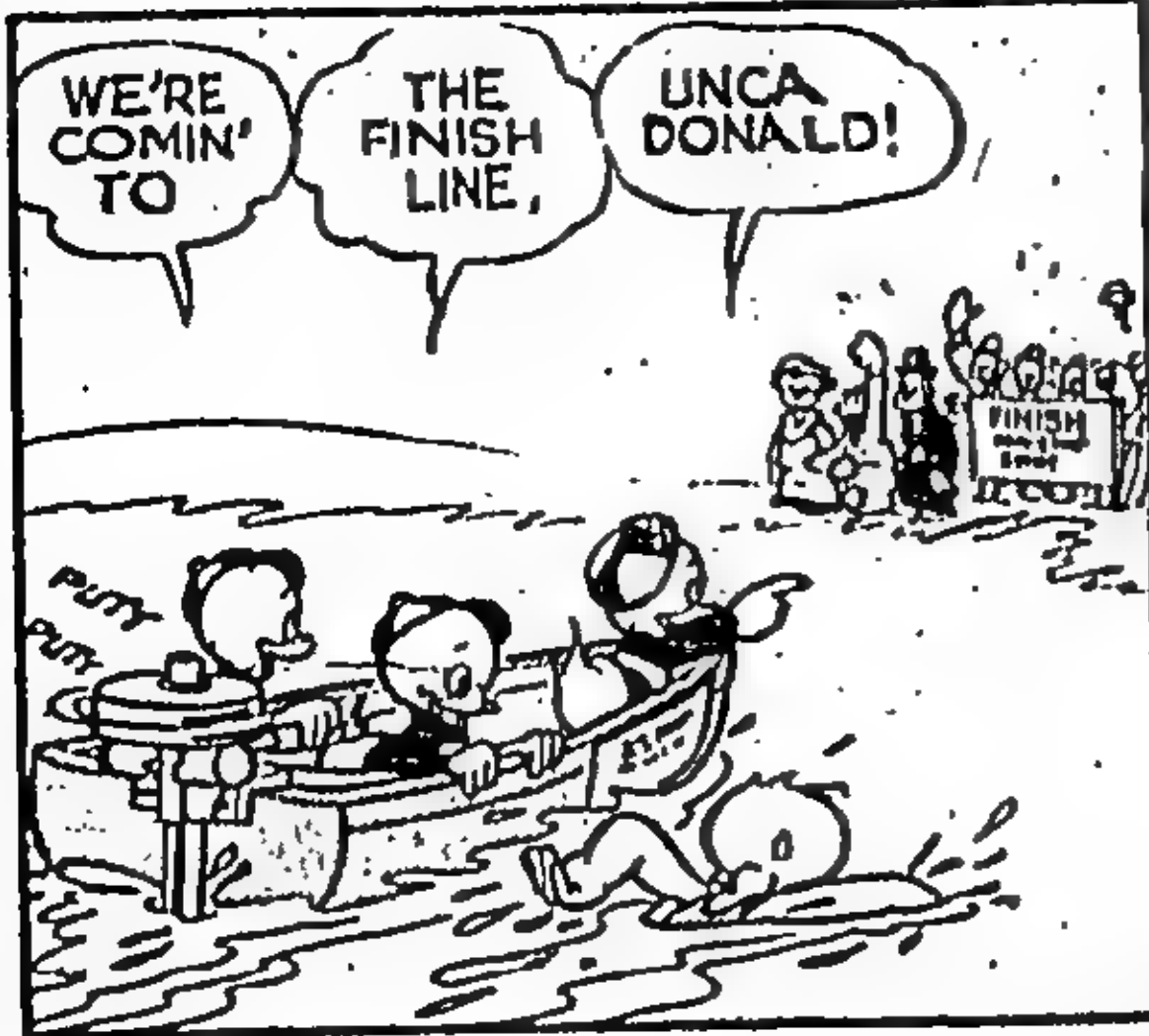
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SO great has been the number of pets destroyed in Britain since the outbreak of war that the sale of dog licences has now fallen heavily.

One post office in Central London reports that 25 per cent. fewer licences have been taken out.

Experts say that nearly 1,000,000 dogs and cats were destroyed in the early part of the war.

"There was no need for any of them to go," Colonel Robert Storey, chief of the National A.R.P. Animals Committee, told a reporter.

"One night last September I saw 80,000 buried in one night," he said. "It upset even hardened veterinary surgeons."

Clinic Queues

"As soon as war was declared queues formed outside animal clinics all over London and in other big towns."

"Yards became so full of animals which had been destroyed that they could hold no more."

"We were fortunate in finding some land under reclamation in the East End of London, and this site we chose for the greatest single burial of dead pets any one has ever seen."

"Ambulances and vans were sent to clinics all over London to collect them."

WIFE'S LETTER TO HITLER

MRS. LEMMENS, whose husband drove the car in which Captain Stevens and Mr. Payne-Best were kidnapped by Germans at Venlo, Holland, last November, has received a reply to a letter she sent to Hitler.

But she still has no news of her husband.

The reply is from the Reich Chancellery, saying that her letter has been forwarded to the Gestapo.

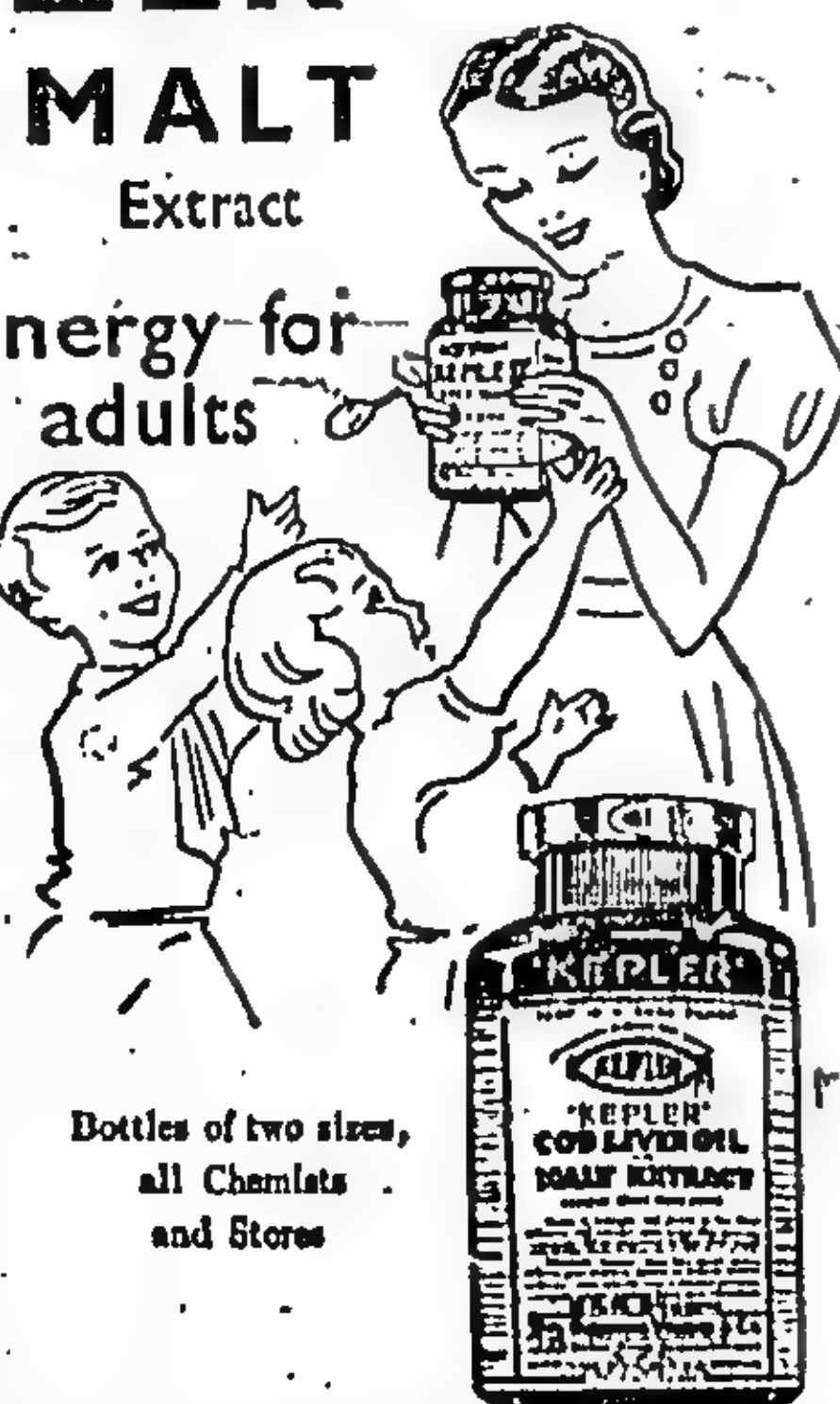
There is no confirmation at the time of rumours that the two Britons are soon to be brought up for trial.

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WITH THE INDIAN TROOPS IN FRANCE



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They are a Mule transport company and are engaged in carrying supplies for the Army.

A cigarette with members of the B.E.F.

UNCLE IS IN HONGKONG



Lieut. Com. J. H. Forbes, captain of the submarine Spearfish, which torpedoed the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Scheer, is a nephew of Wing-Commander A.H.S. Steele-Parkins, the A.R.P. Director in Hongkong.

This photograph was received in Hongkong last week.

Death kiss girl is 'on the spot'

NEW YORK.

BEAUTIFUL Ethel Mittleman, "gangster's moll with a kiss of death," is to-day the central figure of America's greatest under-world drama.

She is held on \$12,500 bail to answer questions about her latest lover, Pittsburg Phil Strauss, named as chief assassin of the Brooklyn "cash-and-bury" syndicate, who sought to put murder on a big business basis.

To-day the District Attorney refused a writ of habeas corpus designed to free Ethel. "The girl is on the spot," he said. "She will almost certainly be killed to ensure her silence, if she leaves jail."

Pittsburg Phil, the man of whom it is said, "He would rather kill than drink an ice-cream soda," lavished money on Ethel.

She was wearing several of his gifts—three diamond rings, a diamond bracelet and a fur coat—when she was picked up by the police.

In a vault to which she had the key was more jewellery, believed to be part of the loot of a \$25,000 robbery in Florida.

Ethel, a tall and stately brunette, with carefully permited hair and

heavily mascaraed eyes, is taking her stay in jail calmly.

She was only seventeen when the first man died from love of her. He was Harry Miller, and was killed in a fight to retain his right as her protector.

The next victim of her fatal charm was Robert Furer. He was killed by Solomon Goldstein for "insulting Miss Mittleman."

Goldstein's gallantry, however, turned to hate when Ethel killed him. His criticisms of the beautiful moll were overheard by Pittsburg Phil, her latest coquett.

Goldstein was savagely beaten up by the gunman and later was murdered in an up-state New York county. His body was never found.

Every day brings new and ever more sensational revelations of the wholesale "murder racket" organised by the cash-and-bury syndicate.

According to "Kid Twist" Reles who has turned State's evidence to save himself from the electric chair, the syndicate carried out 16 murders in other States, as well as the 20 assassinations in Brooklyn last year.

Pittsburg Phil is also in jail, but he is keeping the underworld code of silence.

Her Dog Had a Ration Book

Here is a war-time version of "Old Mother Hubbard," with a cupboard which the "poor dog" had to help to replenish.

For four weeks a cocker-spaniel dog had a ration card, while his mistress obtained butter and sugar with the coupons.

When the woman, Mrs. Jeanne Wilson, of Cross Collier Street, Belfast, was at the local court, fined 20s. for wrongfully obtaining the rations, a food officer said the suspicions were aroused concerning a ration book in the name of "Don Wilson."

While Mrs. Wilson was being questioned, the dog jumped up, and she exclaimed, "Got down, Don."

She then admitted that the ration book referred to the dog, and that she wanted extra butter and sugar for her husband who was seriously ill.

Most "Distinguished Gathering" in History MANY FAMOUS NAMES IN DIVORCE LISTS

FAMOUS people crowded into the Divorce Court in London last month to tell the Judges the stories of their shattered romances.

They helped make the divorce list at the Easter sittings, the most distinguished in history.

In five weeks, the five Judges were expected to solve the matrimonial tangles of 1,445 couples.

There will be little difficulty in 706 cases. For these will be undefended—none of the husbands and wives against whom actions are being brought will deny the allegations.

The undefended list also included the petition of Captain David Margesson, Chief Government Whip and the "power behind the throne" in the Conservative Party.

Mrs. Frances Margesson is a wealthy American. They have been married about twenty-four years and have one son and two daughters.

Captain Margesson has been Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury, and Chief Whip since 1931. He has been Conservative Member for Rugby since 1924, before that representing the Upton division of West Ham.

Roth Sir Malcolm Campbell and his wife, Lady Dorothy Evelyn Campbell, are asking for a divorce.

The famous racing motorist married in 1920, when he was an unknown trier on the racing tracks.

A marriage that was "front page news" in July last year comes before the Judge.

It is that of the Earl of Craven and Miss Irene Meyrick, daughter of the late Mrs. Kate Meyrick, once London's night-club "queen."

Their marriage was kept secret for three months.

The young earl—he was born in 1917—is asking for a decree of nullity. The Countess of Craven has a cross-petition for the restitution of conjugal rights.

In January this year, the Countess of Craven announced that she had given birth to a daughter.

Another contested divorce suit is that brought by Viscount Long of Wrexham. Lady Long is defending the suit.

They were married in 1933, when Lady Long was nineteen years old. She is a granddaughter of the Earl of Wemyss.

Sir Henry John Deves Broughton, the eleventh baronet, will not contest the action which is being brought by his wife, Lady Vera Edith Broughton, whom he married twenty-five years ago.

Lady Broughton is the daughter of "Boschen" T. Grimthorpe, of Trevelyan Hall, Rossett, Denbighshire.

Another divorce action which will not be defended is that by Mrs. G. Smirke against her husband, Charles Smirke the jockey who is thirty-three.

Married Before

They were married in August, 1938. Mrs. Smirke, who is Tommy Durbas, the crooner in Harry Roy's band, was formerly the wife of Jack Barker, the radio comedian. Smirke has also been married before. His marriage with his first wife was annulled in 1937.

Smirke is one of our best-known jockeys, having won the Derby twice in three years, on Windsor Lad in 1934 and on Mahmoud in 1936.

Three years ago Major Sir Francis Fetherston-Godley was given a knighthood for his public services. He has been a prominent worker for the British Legion.

Lady Kathleen Fetherston-Godley is now bringing an action for divorce against her husband, whom she married twenty years ago.

A divorce petition brought by Mrs. Phyllis Anne Kermode (Miss Phyllis Robins, the stage and radio star) against Mr. David Eric Kermode, whom she married in 1929, has also been transferred from the reserve list of actions standing over to the ordinary defended list.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1-Explosive

2-Cultivated palm

3-Wedge-shaped

4-P. D. R.'s son

5-Old man

6-Speech

7-Now

8-Forward

9-Constipation

10-Part of roof

11-Years of life

12-Fetch

13-It is appropriate

14-Man's name

15-Trouble

16-Runs away

17-Long hair

18-Frankenstein monster

19-Literature

20-Scissors

21-Cherubs

22-Sus sex

23-Dry

24-Organisations

25-Pang

26-At (prep.)

27-Brown color

28-Ireland

29-Mr. X's name

30-Southern state

31-Seed container

32-Water mistake

33-California

34-Embryo

35-Turnip shell

36-Late 19th

37-Judges of discord

DOWN

1-Born

2-Over

3-Tiny

4-Dry

5-Old man

6-Speech

7-Now

8-Forward

9-Constipation

10-Part of roof

11-Years of life

12-Fetch

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The Dutch East Indies

As yet the attention turned on the Netherlands East Indies is purely reflective of the new situation created in Europe by the invasion of Holland. Nevertheless, the ardent enthusiasm of interested third Powers such as Japan, the United States, Britain and France in proclaiming their willingness to respect the status quo of the Pacific vis-a-vis the Netherlands East Indies indicates very clearly that more than ordinary importance is placed by international politicians to these strategic islands.

This vast collection of fertile islands, large and small, totals in its land space an area considerably larger than Burma. It is, moreover, so disposed that it lies across the shipping routes from Europe to the Far East and is of immense aid to the air routes to Australia and New Zealand. From the northernmost point of Sumatra to where Timor confronts Australia the length of the chain of islands is over 2,000 miles, and north of it lie Dutch Borneo, Celebes, and Dutch New Guinea. Were the Dutch East Indies in hands hostile to Britain the Singapore base, which stands on a promontory that thrusts into the midst of them, would have enemy ports at its door. The Netherlands Government, urgent to avoid any semblance of departure from neutrality, has proclaimed the ability of the Dutch East Indies to take care of themselves and will counterbalance no offers of protection against any event. The validity of that claim will be much strengthened when the present plans mature.

The Netherlands Government, in the two and a half centuries in which she has ruled her Dutch Empire, has not neglected defence. The latest available returns show that she keeps normally in East Indian waters, two light cruisers, eight destroyers, and twelve submarines, besides some minelayers, minesweepers, and motor-torpedo-boats, and to this little navy is attached a force of 72 seaplanes as well as smaller aircraft. Three 27,000-ton battle-cruisers are now to be added to it, and £4,000,000 spent on improving the base at Sourabaya. The Regular Army, entirely independent of that at home, consists of some 32,000 Europeans and natives with artillery of all calibres and a small Air Force.

Thus it can be seen that the Netherlands East Indies are well fortified against attack, and that any attempt against them by an unfriendly Power would most assuredly meet with disaster.

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THE BEAST IN BELGIUM

(George Whitelaw, whose cartoons appear exclusively in the "Telegraph" in Hongkong, re-draws a famous 1914 cartoon.)

Can Hitler Invade Britain?

by Lt.-Col. C. B. COSTIN-NIAN, M.C.
The Noted Military Correspondent

London, May 1.

IT is reported that a volunteer corps of picked men is being formed in Germany. Their task is said to be sacrificial.

They are told that this special task will very likely be their last. They are to be very fit, daring, clever and enterprising. The size of the corps is considerable.

What can the task be? Visions of freak invasions of all sorts of places flood the mind. Behind the Maginot? Even the Orinokys or Elre?

Or—might they even be considering an invasion of Britain?

Hitler has invaded Norway, a country separated from Germany by the sea. Hitler sneered at islands at the beginning of this war. But can he invade Britain, an island which has been immune from invasion for several hundred years?

To land troops on our shores has been the fondest wish of our enemies. But since 1066 we have always kept them too busy on the Continent to have troops or energies to spare for such a task.

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Fleet could rapidly replace its losses. If it is highly unlikely that a force could get to our shores, it is still more improbable that it could land without devastating losses.

British troops could concentrate on the threatened area, and Gallipoli has shown the difficulties of landing troops under fire. But Germany landing on the east coast would also encounter, as our men in 1915 did not, severe action from the air.

THE landing of a large force, therefore, may be regarded as impracticable.

But even if we assume that the Germans have landed safely, there still remains the problem of supplying them with food and ammunition. This could only be done by sea, in adequate quantities, if England were completely exhausted, her Navy driven off the sea, her Air Force out of the air. Invasion by sea from Germany was dismissed as a remote

danger before 1914. When the Germans had a formidable navy. To-day it can be ruled out.

Of course, if the Germans broke through Belgium and seized the Channel ports the position would be rather different. Hence the necessity of our maintaining a sufficient force in France to prevent this.

But even then invasion by sea would be a very difficult operation. But if we need not be awake at night for fear of invasion by sea, what of the new danger of invasion from the air?

"How many men could come that way?"

If Germany had 5,000 planes capable of carrying thirty men each, with military equipment that would mean they could bring 150,000 men. That sounds easy.

But it all takes for granted the fact that neither our fighter air-craft nor our anti-aircraft batteries offer serious resistance to the enemy before they land from the air; and it also assumes that our troops leave them entirely free to concentrate and move where they will when they have landed.

These are pretty large assumptions—and in any case I do not believe that Germany has got, or ever will have, anywhere near 5,000 planes of this size.

AND again, there is the question of supply. When you consider the huge quantities of fuel, ammunition and food that a modern army consumes, its supply by the air becomes out of the question.

A corps of two divisions consumes 1,600 gallons of petrol to move twenty-five miles. How are air-planes to carry supplies in such quantities? Would they try to seize our petrol reserves?

Britain still has control of the seas. So long as she retains this, she is in no fear of invasion.

"Suicide squads," dropped by parachute to sabotage our industry and spread panic are another matter. They might conceivably inflict much damage to ourselves and to the Allied cause.

However grave the situation elsewhere, we would never allow ourselves to strip these islands of sufficient protection to give parachutists a clear field.

SWEDEN IS ANXIOUS

recently issued sharp warning to Stockholm.

The general feeling and sympathies are being clearly evinced in the local Press in the form of small insertions and slogans emphasising the imperative necessity of watchfulness, preparedness, the strengthening of defensive measures, reticence in citizens' public conversations, and also in the wholesale daily Press advertisements calling for the accordance of the fullest support for their gallant little neighbours' heroic struggle against barbarism and despotism.

The greatest interest has been evinced and approbation expressed with all the news concerning Allied assistance for Norway, as it is fully recognised that Scandinavia's future may depend on the outcome of the present struggle. It is not doubted that the existing difficult situation and the Westerners' reaction towards the same may well mean the turning-point in European history and decide whether future generations shall live in freedom or slavery. The whole of Scandinavia is now anxiously awaiting developments.

The only forms of assistance at present being asked for and supplied in Sweden are medicaments, hospital personnel, clothes for refugees and ambulances, which are all being liberally donated.

The newspapers' recurring appeal resulted in a spontaneous universal response in all classes, with Labour predominating.

Sweden, and, it is hoped, other countries, fully realise the danger to the entire world's economic structure, particularly in the timber and timber-by-products trade, which would result from the Nazis ever gaining footing here.

H. B.

These Are Sweden's Chief Newspapers

NAME	CIRCULATION	POLITICS
Stockholms Tidningen		
—Stockholms Dagblad	150,800 (morning)	Liberal.
Dagens Nyheter	136,000 (morning)	Liberal.
Svenska Dagbladet	86,400 (morning)	Conservative.
Aftonbladet	62,500 (evening)	Liberal.
Nya Dagligt Allehanda	61,700 (evening)	Conservative.
Svenska Morgonbladet	40,000 (morning)	Liberal.
Social-Demokraten	37,300 (morning)	Labour.

WHILE fully realising the possible complications arising as a result of the adoption of such a policy, Sweden's sympathies, like those of the rest of the civilised world, are wholeheartedly for Norway in the latter's life and death struggle.

Sweden's position particularly deserves the fullest sympathy of the civilised world, and of being completely surrounded by the Nazis are fully realised.

Sweden acknowledged and admired throughout civilisation for her historical peaceful career, the soundness of her industry, the welfare of her workers, her financial stability and her friendliness with all nations, is now faced with perhaps the most difficult problem in her entire history. It is generally accepted that Sweden is on the list as victim, and as she does not wish to offend the Allies, Sweden's position may well be claimed as being between the devil and the deep sea.

It is not questioned that Sweden has so far fully observed neutral

policy and done nothing to give grounds for accusations. The possibility of being drawn compulsorily into unwanted participation, however, has been overlooked, and everything possible is being done to ensure protection of Sweden's integrity and security.

In considering Swedish sympathy for the Norwegians it must be remembered that a considerable proportion of the Norwegians are Swedish descendants and that their culture is built up on the Swedish model.

Should the entire north become the aim for a Nazi plot of aggression the Northerners cannot possibly be blamed for looking to the Western democracies for assistance, as the latter plus America must now or never support democracy against slavery. Sweden's model factories, rich ore fields and agricultural development must prove an enticing prize in the eyes of autocratic rulers whose disastrous policy has converted their countries into armed, unstable, unsound States.

The difficulties facing the Swedes were clearly shown when the German paper "Berliner Boersen Zeitung"

ITALIAN CRISIS NEAR CLIMAX?

Americans Told
To Evacuate

By MILES HANDLER
(UNITED PRESS) STAFF
CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, May 14 (UP).—Relations between the Allies and Italy to-day entered a critical phase as the German mechanised divisions and air forces concentrated their efforts in the Meuse, Ardennes and Moselle sectors in a manoeuvre apparently intended to overwhelm the left wing of the Maginot Line.

Reports reaching Paris of the violent Italian press campaign and student demonstrations throughout the Peninsula, have created the impression that an intensive anti-Allies movement has been synchronised with the German offensive and also has strengthened the impression that the situation is approaching a climax.

Following the Italian and Hungarian governments calling up four and seven classes of reservists respectively, reports reached Paris this afternoon from Belgrade that the Jugoslav Government had taken additional military measures, bringing her armed forces to a total of 700,000 men.

The reports also said Jugoslavian military planes were constantly patrolling the Adriatic coast.

Warned To Leave Italy
WASHINGTON, May 14 (Reuter).—American citizens in Italy are being warned to leave the country. Mr. Cordell Hull stated at a Press conference to-day.

This represents a change in the Government's attitude towards the possibility of Italy entering the war. Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, stated ten days ago that no consideration was being given at the State Department to the issue of such a warning.

Alexandria Precautions
CAIRO, May 14 (Reuter).—Civil inhabitants of frontier towns in the western desert are being evacuated where necessary.

The military governor has ordered reservists of the Army and Navy now on the retired list to hold themselves in readiness for instant recall.

The leading Italian bank in Alexandria has paid its employees two months' salary in advance. Reinforcement of the fleet at Alexandria by British and French warships continues.

Won't Accept Sterling
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 14 (UP).—The Italian authorities have instructed Italian banks in London not to accept Sterling for tourist life. U.S. dollars may still be exchanged for lire.

Paper Bombasts
ROME, May 14 (Reuter).—"We are in sight of that decisive, historical phase which will fix the fate and fortunes of our country for future centuries," says the "Popolo d'Italia", the newspaper founded by Signor Mussolini.

"The usual band of pacifists, fat, rich self-seekers and perverted friends of the democracies are attempting to launch a campaign to unsettle the Fascist conscience."

"To-day nobody can pretend to be ignorant of the precise directives of Fascist Italy in the European conflict. Those who continue to profess ignorance will be treated as the enemy of whom they are potential accomplices."

Allied Consideration
PARIS, May 15 (UP).—The Italian attacks on the Allied blockade policy prompted the French Ministry of Information to-day to publish a statement stressing the fact that the Allies have always shown the greatest consideration for Italian interests in applying the blockade.

Clear Out, Advice To Americans
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, May 14 (UP).—Mr. Cordell Hull to-day indicated that American nationals in Italy had been advised to leave at their earliest convenience.

He said that he believed the American Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, was issuing a notice to this effect forthwith, although he had not advised the State Department specifically.

However, the general situation in Italy, said Mr. Hull, indicated the probability that such advice has already been issued.

S.A. INVITATION TO DUTCH QUEEN
CAPE TOWN, May 14 (Reuter).—It has become necessary for Queen Wilhelmina and the Netherlands Royal family to find refuge in South Africa, the South African nation would regard it as a privilege to do something in return for the kindness extended to President Kruger.

This announcement was made by General Smuts, the Prime Minister, at a meeting of the Union Parliament to-day.

During the Boer War, it will be recalled, President Kruger was taken off by a Dutch warship and took refuge in Holland.

NAZIS IN SEDAN

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battle of the river Meuse—may decide the war in the Low Countries. The Germans claim that their armies and air force everywhere are making lightning progress, well ahead of schedule in the drive designed to seize Dutch and Belgian bases for a "blitzkrieg" attack on England, and possibly an assault on the Maginot Line.

Despatches from Allied sources confirm much of the success claimed by the German High Command.

History's Greatest Battle
However, these reports added that tremendous Allied power is being thrown into the struggle between modern mechanised units and air fleets, experts describe this as being perhaps the greatest battle of all history.

Hundreds of thousands of soldiers and many thousands of aeroplanes and tanks are engaged, but the conflict has spread so widely, and the German thrusts have been so rapid that accurate estimates are at present impossible.

In swift succession the Germans have claimed to have broken through the "fortresses" of Holland and the interior fortified defence area, slashed a path through to Rotterdam near the southwestern Dutch coast between Rotterdam and Antwerp, and to have advanced to Rotterdam and the Utrecht area.

It is also claimed that the Germans have broken through the Belgian defence line and forced the Belgians into retreat in a westerly direction.

Brussels, Antwerp in Danger
If this is correct, both Brussels and Antwerp are threatened; however, the German positions are by no means clear.

The Nazis also boast that they have broken through the combined Belgian and French defences south and west of the fortified city of Liege, and to have driven across the Meuse in a number of places.

Paris reports state that a great battle between mechanised forces is raging around Sedan, in northwest France in the Verdun sector, and that the Germans suffered tremendous losses of life in their advance across the Meuse towards the Maginot Line defences which are behind the river.

London Admission
LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—The Germans have made rapid progress with a large force and armoured columns in the Ardennes region in Belgium.

They have been opposed by French cavalry and Belgian Chasseurs but, late yesterday afternoon, the German advance guards reached the Meuse at a number of points.

Further German forces continued to arrive throughout the night and they have probably now reached the river at all crossing points.

The spearhead of the German drive in this region is towards Sedan. Most of their armoured units have been directed towards Sedan.

These met the French advance units yesterday near Sedan and there was an extremely sharp engagement. The German tanks were backed by low flying aircraft and artillery.

The secondary German drive is being made towards Dinant.

French Communiqué
PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué says: "In Belgium, north of the Meuse we have halted our advance movements and our organisation according to plan."

"The enemy has attacked our actual front at two points. He was repulsed with heavy loss in tanks."

"On the Meuse, south of Namur, the Germans attacked to cross the river at several points. We launched counter-attacks and fighting continues, more especially in the region of Sedan where the enemy is making a momentous effort with furious obstinacy at the expense of heavy casualties."

"German local attacks in the region of the Moselle were repulsed with losses."

"Our aviation powerfully and efficiently intervened in the battle. Moreover many aerial reconnaissances were made during the night of May 13."

Battle Of Meuse Is On
PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—The Germans are steadily battering at the whole of the 250 mile front.

The most important part of the front, according to well-informed military circles, is the Ardennes region in Belgium and the line of the Meuse.

The great battle of the Meuse can be said to have begun yesterday evening.

To-day will probably see the advance guard of the massive German force attempt to cross the Meuse.

The situation in Holland is described as extremely grave.

The Germans have advanced in the Arnhem region and are pushing fiercely towards Rotterdam where they may be joined by the troops who are holding out there.

Courageous Dutch Resistance
The Dutch are still resisting strongly with splendid courage.

The most reassuring factor is that the bulk of the British and French forces are continuing to take their positions north of central Belgium without being appreciably disturbed by the enemy.

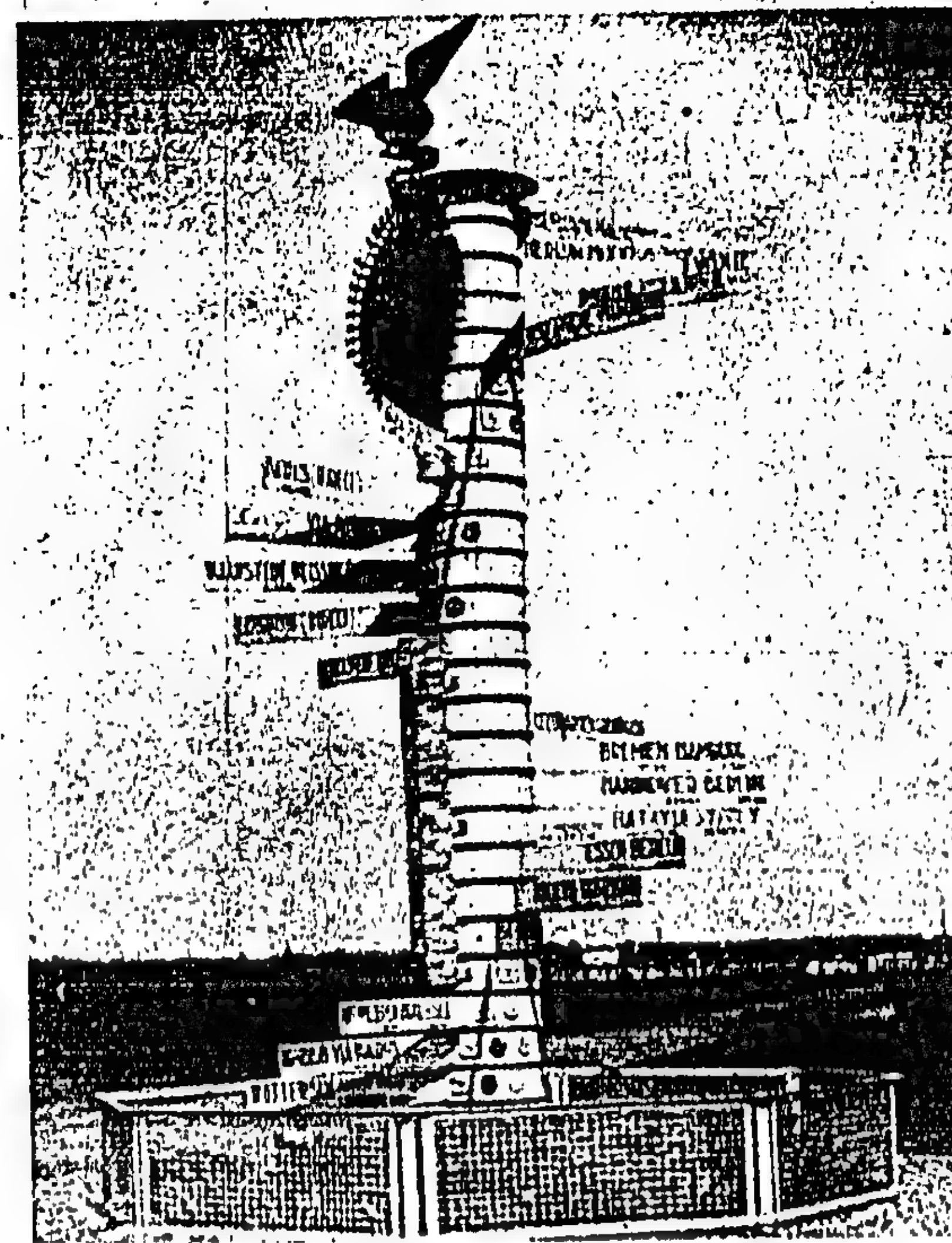
Fighting continues east of the line on which the Allied Command intends to give battle.

All day yesterday a great battle was waged between French and German armoured columns.

Liege is still holding out. The great battle in that region has not yet commenced.

Belgians Resisting
BRUSSELS, May 14 (Reuter).—Many local engagements at various points were announced by the Belgian

MAY BOMB BRITAIN FROM HERE



The German boast that its new air bases in Holland will bring it to within 180 miles of England is borne out by this striking signpost at the Schiphol airport at Amsterdam. Paris is 200 miles, Essen 90 miles, Creydon (on the other side) 160 miles.

KING'S MOTHER ENDANGERED

Dramatic Episode In
Belgian Village

PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—It is revealed here that detachments of German parachutists descended at the Chateau Leuken, where Queen Elizabeth, King Leopold's mother, has been staying in the past few days.

The Germans were quickly mopped up.

The Queen's only comment was that it was an incident of no importance beside Belgium's trials.

HAS FACE SLAPPED Briton Insulted By Italians

ROME, May 14 (Reuter).—Lord Hardwicke, a friend of Bruno Mussolini, had his face slapped last night at a cabaret show because he threw an anti-British poster off his table.

He was then detained for a couple of hours in a police station on the ground that his papers were not in order.

Students Demonstrate
Anti-Allied student demonstrations were also held in various provincial towns, including Milan, where the Prefect appeared on the balcony of the Prefecture and acknowledged the cheers of the demonstrators, and at Naples where thousands of students with Italian and German flags and pictures of the King and Duke of Savoy marched to the Palace of the Crown Prince cheering the House of Savoy and the Duce.

The demonstrations, later sang patriotic songs outside the offices of the Commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy.

**Belgium Calls Up
More Men**

BRUSSELS, May 14 (Reuter).—A wireless broadcast given to-day announced that all men between the ages of 16 and 35, who belong to the Recruiting Reserve, are to report for military service.

High Command in a communiqué issued at noon to-day.

The Belgian troops, said the communiqué, were resisting the pressure of enemy forces.

During the night, advance Belgian troops retired.

In central Belgium, the French mechanised units inflicted heavy losses on German mechanised columns south east of Tienen and St. Trond.

Despite enemy claims it was by no means clear whether or not the defences of Liege had fallen.

Allies Link Up
The Allied troops had not been successfully hampered from taking up positions in north and central Belgium. They were now fighting east of the line on which the Allied Command intends to give battle.

The strong resistance put up by the Belgians when they took the first shock of the invasion had enabled the Allied forces to join up without difficulty.

Reinforcements of men and material were arriving steadily, concluded the communiqué.

BIG NAZI DRIVE

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salient extends tongue-like into Belgium.

Triple Movement
In order to attain this end the Germans will have to carry out a triple movement:

1.—Strong columns will probably attempt to drive westwards across the Meuse River between the Namur fortifications and Givet.

2.—The Germans in the north will attempt to contact the columns now operating around Sedan. In order to reach the confluence of the Meuse and Chiers rivers.

3.—Columns will probably move southwards in the direction of Montmedy and Longwy.

The Germans are already in possession of the east bank of the Meuse at several points between Liege, Namur and Dinant and heavy reinforcements, which French military intelligence reported to be moving up through Luxembourg probably reached the river last night.

Bitter fighting is reported to be in progress near Dinant.

Sedan Situation
At Sedan the French forces have retired to the southern bank of the Meuse where the French lines are completely protected by heavy guns of the Maginot Line.

Although most maps show Sedan as being inside the Maginot Line, it is emphasised that the Germans have at no point along the entire French frontier pierced the strong French defences.

Sedan is actually on the northern bank of the Meuse River and at this point the Maginot Line extends along the southern bank.

Sedan Occupied
Sedan has, it is admitted, been occupied by the Germans, but the French retreated across the Meuse in order to blow up all bridges.

The Germans in Sedan thus face the guns of the Maginot Line on the other side of the Meuse.

Sedan is just inside the French frontier from Belgium and is five miles north of the Maginot fortifications. The city has no military significance in the present battle.

ALLIES AND SPAIN

LONDON, May 14 (British Wireless).—It has come to the notice of His Majesty's Government that malicious reports are circulating to the effect that the Allies are preparing to take hostile action against Spanish possessions.

It should surely be necessary to emphasise the fact that these reports are mendacious and entirely without foundation.

As has already been stated in the House of Commons, His Majesty's Government intend to respect the strict neutrality of Spain so long as it is respected by others.

Menzies Requests More Recruits

CANBERRA, May 14 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, appealed for recruits for overseas service in a broadcast speech to-day.

He pointed out that Australia's home defence was more assured than a year ago and urged the necessity for rapid training of troops for overseas.

He declared: "The enemy is not waiting, and hopes that we shall not be there or be here too late. I call on Australia to give him his answer."

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 Years Ago—May 15, 1890.

The motion for the disestablishment of the Church of Scotland has been rejected.

25 Years Ago—May 15, 1915.

Correspondents in the North of France state: "Pierce fighting is general along a front of 10 miles from Arras to the Sea; it is the final and most desperate battle for Calais. The losses on both sides are very heavy."

The enemy's bombardment at Ypres on Saturday was the most intense. Hitherto the enemy had been pounding the British trenches, which they had to abandon, but when the Germans advanced in masses they were mown down and finally repulsed.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph"—It is not about time that the Imperial Arms of Germany were removed from the face of the Deutsche Aesthetische Bank in Queen's Road, (a German Government Building). It is a sight that must be strongly resented by all right thinking people walking up or down Battery Road, where good view can be had of their bathhouse excursions.

The German with his usual consummate insolence took a delight in plastering his State buildings in foreign countries, and our Colonies, with his Imperial Arms. A Chinese businessman would remove these emblems of "Kultur" in a short time, and so rid the Colony forever of such an eyesore. Yours etc. DC

10 Years Ago—May 15, 1930.

Signor Mussolini recovered his best flamboyant style in an address here to 30,000 people, after inspecting the new cruiser Coriaria.

"Blackbirds, how is your pulse?" he queried.

"The crowd roared back:—'Steady. We are at your orders till death.'"

"Men of Legion," proceeded Mussolini, "where is the sea?"

"Close," replied the lusty Tuscan. Italy, declared the Premier, wanted not only prosperity but prestige and a place in the sun. He warned all and sundry who might strike at Italy's future that the whole people would rise and hurl themselves like a thunderbolt against whoever they were and from wherever they came.

5 Years Ago—May 15, 1935.

Apparently a large scale war is looming in Abyssinia.

The Abyssinian Government is threatening full mobilisation unless Italy ceases making preparations for war. Italy has at the present moment 710,000 Fascist militia, and 15,000 carabinieri under arms.

NETHERLANDS SURRENDERS

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miles, are evidently waiting for the main German forces.

Amsterdam In Flames
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
AMSTERDAM, May 14 (UP).—Amsterdam is one mass of flames.

The oil supplies in Amsterdam have been set on fire, says a Dutch High Command statement, and huge fires are now raging throughout the city.

Embassies To Remain
BRUSSELS, May 14 (Reuter).—The semi-official Belgian news agency states that the situation continues to improve and adds that there is no question of the Allied embassies leaving the capital.

Quiet In Brussels
BRUSSELS, May 14 (Reuter).—Everything is more or less quiet here to-day. There have been no further bombings up to a late hour in the afternoon.

The morale of the populace is excellent.

New Defence Positions
BRUSSELS, May 14 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué states: "During the night of May 13, Belgian forces took up, in good order without sustaining any losses, new defence positions in accordance with the plan of operations."

"They are supported by the Allied armies."

"At Namur our troops are strongly resisting the violent attacks of mechanised troops supported by aerial bombardment."

"During yesterday, Belgian motorised units and cavalry corps fought brilliant engagement in the region of Givet."

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—Several hundred Dutch, Belgian and British refugees from Holland arrived in a British port to-day. They were landed from three British ships.

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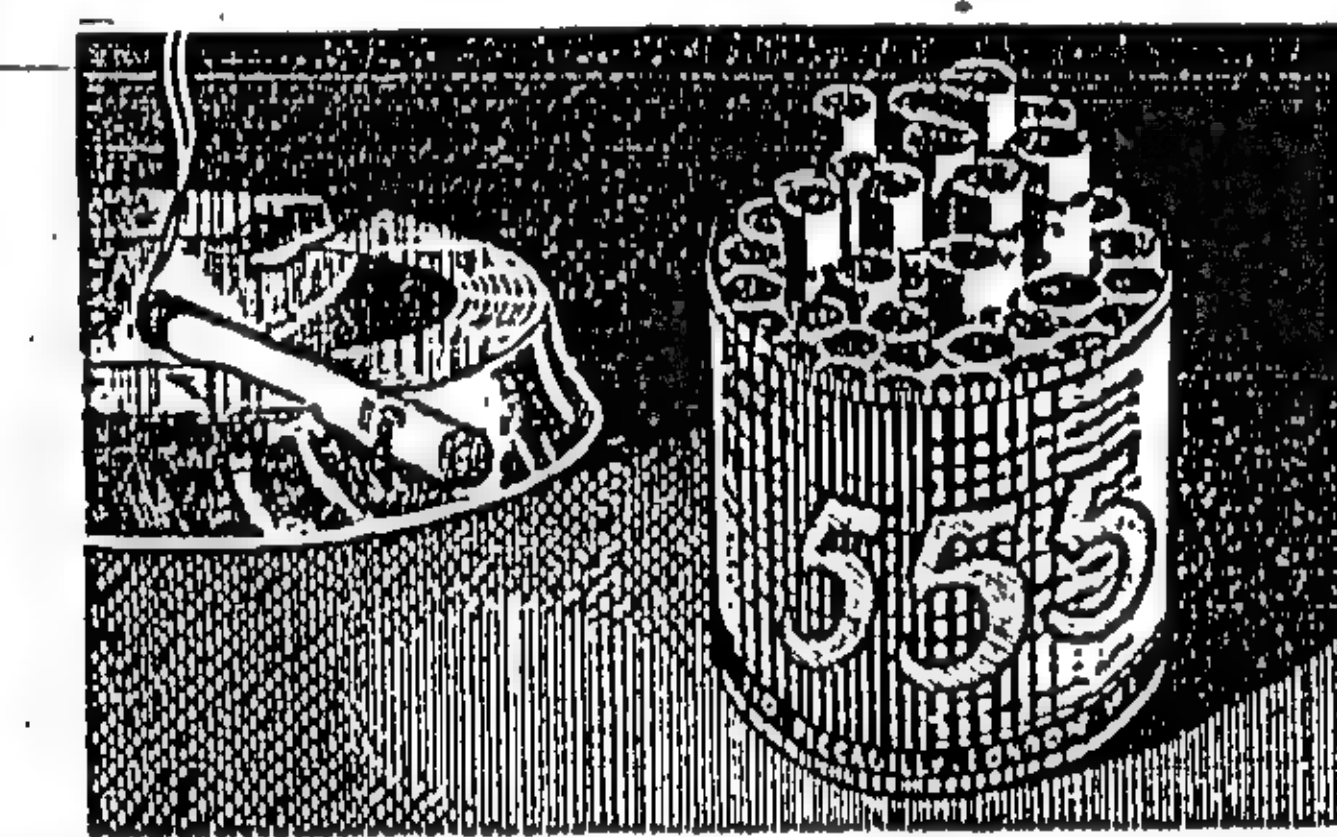
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Around The Courses NEW AMERICAN CHAMPION?

27-YEAR-OLD BEN HOGAN FLASHES TO THE FORE

Evading The Heat Of Hongkong's Summer

(By "Birdie")

LATEST STAR among American golfers, whose brilliance, temporarily, at least, eclipses that of Jimmy Demaret, is 27-year-old Ben Hogan, a professional from Texas. Neither of these young players are listed in the Golfer's Handbook—Demaret is the product of the past couple of years, while Hogan won the first major American tournament only just over a month ago.

That tournament was the North-South championship at Pinehurst on March 22 (with 277—an 11-under-par record for the 72 holes). Exactly one week later he walked off with the Greensboro Open (with a record score of 270), and on April 1 he collected first prize in the "Land of the Sky" Open with a score of 273.

Only statistics will do credit to this young champion. His scoring streak is sensational in the annals of the Professional Golfers Association of America.

(1) He won three big tournaments in less than two weeks, and accumulated \$3,400 therefrom.

(2) He moved to first place among the money winners having \$6,438 to Demaret's \$5,152.

(3) He completed 12 rounds, or 216 holes, in 34 strokes under par.

(4) He broke par on 11 of his 12 rounds, and bettered 70 on ten of those 12 occasions.

(5) He played those 216 holes with only two three-putts greens.

His actual scores for those 12 rounds were 66-67-74-70 (North-South championship), 69-68-68-67 (Greensboro Open), and 67-66-69-69 ("Land of the Sky" Open).

And his opponents included Sam Snead, Gene Sarazen, Ralph Guldahl, Byron Nelson, Lawson Little, Lloyd Mangrum, Harold McSpadden, Craig Wood, Paul Runyan among many others.

Well may one wonder at such phenomenal form. On March 21 he had yet to win his first major title, and on April 1 he was ahead of the field of professional golfers.

Ralph Guldahl, twice National Open champion, opined that he had never seen a similar exhibition.

In his twelve days of great golf, Hogan was a devastating wonder with his iron. Time and again he approached within two feet of the pin—and on several occasions only a turn or two separated his ball from "birdie".

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MAIN problem in Hongkong at the moment, and probably will be until the next winter, is the evading of the heat. Players had a real grilling on the course last week-end, and there must be several at the moment whose long trousers are irksome at the knees.

Gene Sarazen, as he looked over the snow-swept course at Greensboro in March, recalled a Ryder Cup match he had played in Leeds. "We played through hail and snow, but those British—they'd never postpone a game."

I wonder what could have been the case had they had a bit of our sun over there.

The only solution that seems offered here is to play in the evening. From four o'clock onwards the sun has lost its "bite," and considering that it remains light enough to see up till 7 o'clock, there is ample time for 18 holes.

Last summer I tried playing in the morning, spending the remainder of the day on the beach, but even by 9 o'clock the sun was strong, and what was worse, was increasing in strength. The afternoon appears to be the only solution.

THOUGH, as is to be expected, golf news now comes mainly from America. Henry Cotton and his fellow-professionals keep the Home fires burning with matches in aid of the British Red Cross.

He travelled to Ayrshire on March 30 to play with Hamilton McNally, Scottish amateur champion, against Hector Thomson, former British amateur champion, and Jack McLean. Cotton and his partner won by one hole over 36, and £300 was raised.

His other win was with W. Laidlaw (West Herts) over W. J. Cox (Wimbledon Park) and E. W. H. Kenyon (Beaconsfield) by 2 and 1 on the West Herts course. Laidlaw, in the R.A.F., and Cox, a wartime "dubby," were in excellent form.

The former's splendid putting gave him and Cotton a two holes' lead at the turn, and only two holes changed hands during the afternoon. A half left Cotton and Laidlaw dormie two, and they might have lost the 17th only Cox failed to sink a four-foot putt.

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Home Soccer Results

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—The following were the results of Home soccer matches played to-day:

English

MIDLAND

West Brom. 2 Walsall 3

Scottish

EASTERN

St. Bernards 1 Dunfermline 3

League Rugby

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—Bradford beat York by 31 points to 13 to-day in a Rugby League match.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT EMPIRE XI BY INNINGS AND 108

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—In a three-day cricket match played at Cambridge, the University XI beat a British Empire XI by an innings and 108 runs. The scores were: Empire XI—159 (Webster 5 for 85), and 251 (N. W. D. Yardley 138, Bashford 6 for 30). Cambridge—518 for 5 dec. (Thompson 100, Bridger 145 not out, Conrad 164).

Electric R.C. Bowls Rinks

The following rinks have been selected to represent the Hongkong Electric Recreation Club in a Third Division lawn bowls match against the Indian R.C. on Saturday at Soekunpo.

A. G. Gardner, R. E. Gregory, H. S. McKay and A. F. Paul.
A. P. Tarbuck, R. A. Owens, S. Deacon and J. K. Sloan.
W. E. Baker, C. E. Gahagan, G. T. Padgett and G. G. S. Thomson.

Referees' Whist Drive

The 4th monthly whist drive of the Hongkong Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Friday at 8.30 p.m.

Tickets, \$1 each, can be obtained from Mr. Dove (Treasurer), any football referee or at the door.

Rifle Shooting

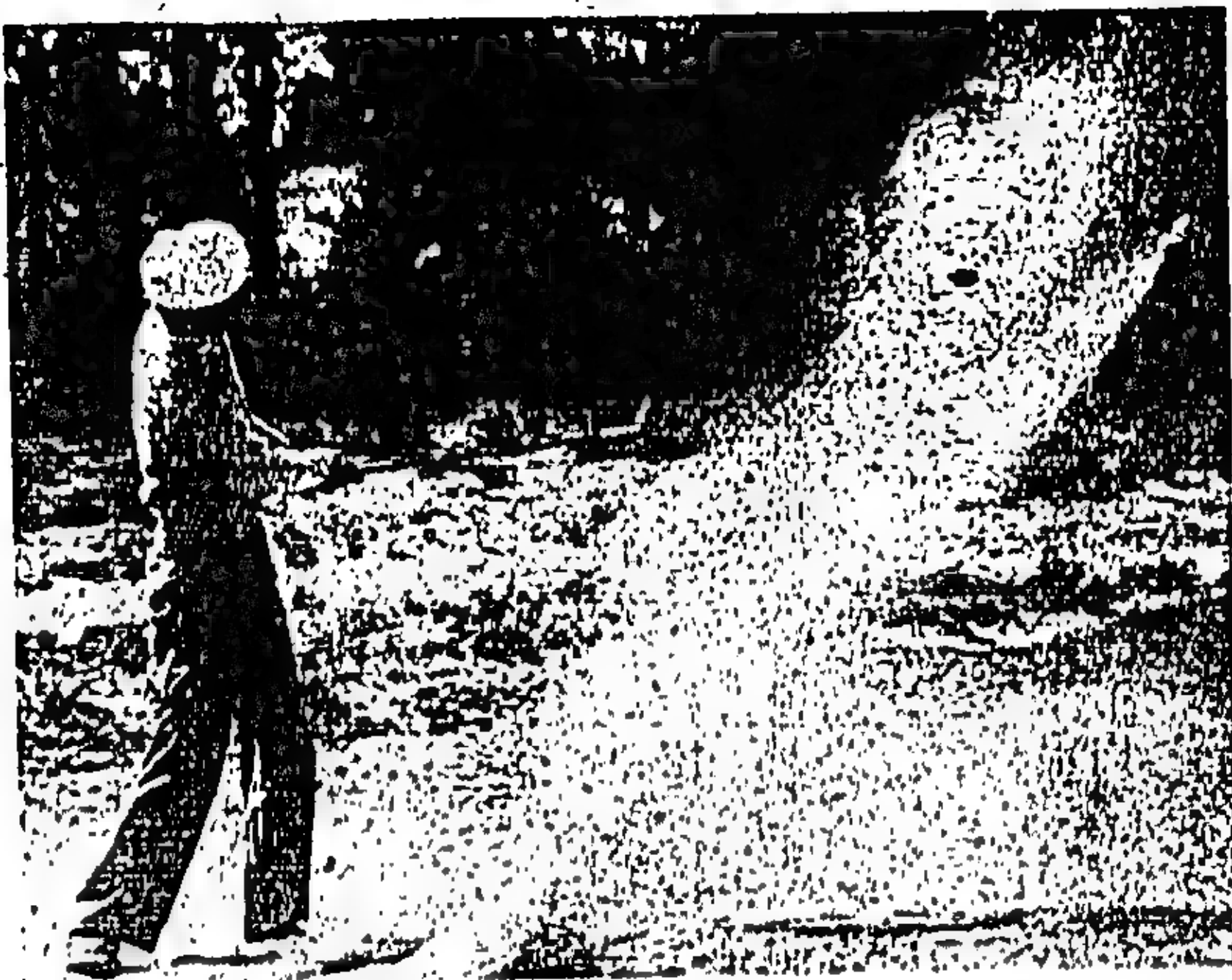
Poor Light Spoils Scores At 600 Yards

THERE WAS a fair attendance at the weekly shoot at Stonecutters last Saturday, 14 members being present. The light was good at 200 yards and 500 yards, with practically no wind. At 600 yards, however, sudden gusts of wind combined with falling light caused many good scores to suffer.

Shooting at Kowloon City to-day will be at 300, 500 and 600 yards. For Sunday next, an interesting programme has been arranged by the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force. Firing will be at 200 and 500 yards. 10 shots to count at each range. This will be the last shoot of the season.

Leading scores on Saturday were:

Aperture	200	500	600	Tot.
J. A. Guad	30	33	33	96
H. J. S. Blake	30	33	33	96
Cent. R. McGuire	30	33	33	96
Sgt. G. E. Breece	30	33	33	96
W. Tremouth	30	33	33	96
H. J. Mitchell	30	33	33	96
L. W. Peckham	30	33	33	96
Sgt. R. J. Heap	30	33	33	96
H. J. Johnson	30	33	33	96
H. P. De Cruz	30	33	33	96
Pte. V. A. De Cruz	30	33	33	96
Sequeira	30	33	33	96
Pte. R. J. Kerr	30	33	33	96
Pte. L. A. Rosario	30	33	33	96
H. W. Medhurst	30	33	33	96
H. Tyemouth	30	33	33	96
Pte. R. E. Antonio	30	33	33	96
Pte. N. E. Ferreira	30	33	33	96
H. P. Oliveira	30	33	33	96
G. H. R. Fox	30	33	33	96



Blazing his way to fame, Ben Hogan, professional at the Century Club, N.Y., blasting his way from a sand trap. He now leads the professional golfers of America a following two weeks of brilliant golf.

League Tennis Begins With Five Matches In "B" Division

THE 1940 LEAGUE tennis season opened yesterday with five matches in the "B" Division. Kowloon Tong, the Kowloon C.C., South China, the Chinese R.C. and Craigen-gower were successful. The scores were:

KOWLOON TONG V. RECREIO

Kowloon Tong beat Recreio 6-1-215. F. Kwok and Lam Kwan beat A. M. Rodrigues and B. T. Gosane 6-1; beat L. A. Carvalho and F. J. Remedios 6-1; drew with M. A. Oliveira and W. A. Reed 6-6.

T. E. Lee and B. Yu beat Rodrigues and Gosane 6-2; beat Carvalho and Remedios 6-2; lost to Oliveira and Reed 6-6.

H. Lim and P. Fletcher beat Rodrigues and Gosane 6-4; beat Carvalho and Remedios 6-2; lost to Oliveira and Reed 6-6.

KOWLOON V. CIVIL SERVICE

Kowloon beat Civil Service 6-1-215. F. Kwok and D. J. N. Anderson beat I. and H. Agafuroff 6-2; beat J. A. Bendall and W. Skinner 6-1; beat D. Hollidge and W. Wardie 6-2.

N.A.E. Mackay and R. T. Broadbridge drew with Agafuroff 6-6; beat Bendall and Skinner 6-4; beat Hollidge and Wardie 6-2.

G. A. White and R. S. Capell lost to Agafuroff 3-6; lost to Bendall and Skinner 6-2; beat Hollidge and Wardie 6-2.

CLUB V. SOUTH CHINA

Club lost to South China 3-6. A. H. Barwell and J. Ferguson lost to C. H. Dew and K. H. Ip 4-6; beat H. K. Ho and L. K. Ma 6-2; lost to W. T. Lee and W. H. Ho 4-6.

E. Bahrst and W. H. Jowitt lost to Dew and Ip 1-6; lost to Ho and Ma 1-6; lost to Lee and Ho 4-6.

T. J. Gould and T. C. Monaghan beat Dew and Ip 6-3; beat Ho and Ma 7-5; lost to Lee and Ho 2-6.

CHINESE R.C. V. ARMY

Chinese R.C. beat Army 7-2. T. C. Yu and D. C. Luk beat Newham and Lech 6-2; drew with Smith and Hyde 6-6; beat Webb and Whelkes 6-1.

K. C. Ng and P. F. Choy beat Newham and Lech 6-3; drew with Smith and Hyde 6-6; beat Webb and Whelkes 6-1.

G. L. Pang and C. C. Lu beat Newham and Lech 6-2; lost to Smith and Hyde 6-6; beat Webb and Whelkes 6-4.

INDIANS V. CRAIGENGOWER

Indians lost to Craigen-gower 2-6-215. A. B. Kitchell and G. Hummell lost to G. Lal and H. K. Wong 3-6; lost to J. Leonard and W. H. Lee 2-6; beat A. Kitchell and W. Howard 6-3.

M. O. Hosen and D. M. A. Razak lost to Lal and Wong 2-6; lost to Leonard and Lee 6-6; beat Kitchell and Howard 6-3.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 25th May, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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Japan Bamboozled by Chinese Strategy NEW 4th ROUTE ARMY PLAY HIDE & SEEK

CHUNGKING.—From behind the lines of Japan's invading war machine, Gen. Yeh Ting, Commander of the new Chinese Fourth Army, brings to this remote capital a moving description of the way China is using age-old devices to defend its slender hold on freedom.

General Yeh usually is out of reach and out of sight as he secretly directs his army within territory claimed by the Japanese. In a rare interview he told how his ammunition must be smuggled past vigilant Japanese sentries.

With other guerrilla chieftains, his task is to strike swift blows at the invader, and then vanish with his army into the surrounding countryside.

Although a comparative newcomer among China's guerrilla leaders, General Yeh has already made a name for himself. His exploits rival those of the veteran Eighth Route Army that surged out of South China in 1932 for the relief of beleaguered Shanghai.

Disrupt Japanese

The Japanese months ago occupied Shanghai, Nanjing, and Tientsin. Yet the reorganized Fourth Army under General Yeh has its base in the border region between Kiangsu and Anhwei, near China's lost capital of Nanjing.

On several occasions the Fourth Army has disrupted railway traffic between Nanjing and Tientsin. The exploit is the more surprising in view of Japan's nominal occupation of the entire territory from Nanking in central China to Tientsin in the far north.

Another exploit carried out with beguiling secrecy was the stoppage of traffic on the most important railway in Japan. This is the line that runs down the southern bank of the Yangtze River from Nanking to Shanghai.

Exploits cheer the guerrilla soldiers, but they lead a hard life. Recently General Yeh had to leave his army behind the Japanese outpost while he hurriedly crossed over to the Chinese capital at Chungking. His funds had been running low. Supplies were not coming through as they should. His soldiers complained of miserable clothing and poor arms.

Looks Like Merchant

General Yeh stayed at one of the least pretentious of Chungking's hotels. No sentry guarded his room, and the lowest of hotel boys could have approached him without difficulty. Such accessibility is particularly striking in China where sentries and guards are everywhere. The General is a well-built, rather stocky Cantonese. His black hair, which is cut short, has a few gray streaks. His eyes are alert and his face smooth, and he looks more like a Cantonese merchant than a guerrilla leader.

General Yeh commanded the troops which participated in the ill-fated Canton Commune, after the failure of which he went into exile. He left both the Communist Party and the Kuomintang, feeling that neither could succeed in solving China's problems. At the present time he still does not belong to any political party. After visiting Russia and Germany, and travelling through Europe, Yeh settled down in Macao, Portuguese China, and lived quietly until the outbreak of war called him home.

The New Fourth Army has grown from 10,000 to 30,000, General Yeh said. It has no difficulty in obtaining recruits. For every rifle many steps forward. Furthermore, the army has established a training school for communists and political workers, which in three or four months trains a class of 500 or 600. After a political worker is trained, he is assigned to one of the army units, and is expected to teach them the meaning of war, to build up their morale, and to see to it that they behave properly towards the populace.

The New Fourth Army fights many battles, but few of them are on a large scale. "We do not engage the Japanese in major battles," General Yeh said, "but we achieve our purpose by piling up many small ones, in which we are sure to be victorious."

It is well known that on several occasions conflicts of various sorts have occurred between the New Fourth Army and the regular armies. Asked if such conflicts were serious, General Yeh answered: "Such incidents as have taken place have been of minor importance."

NEW VOLUNTEER FORCE FORMED

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that a new force will be created, known as "Local Defence Volunteers."

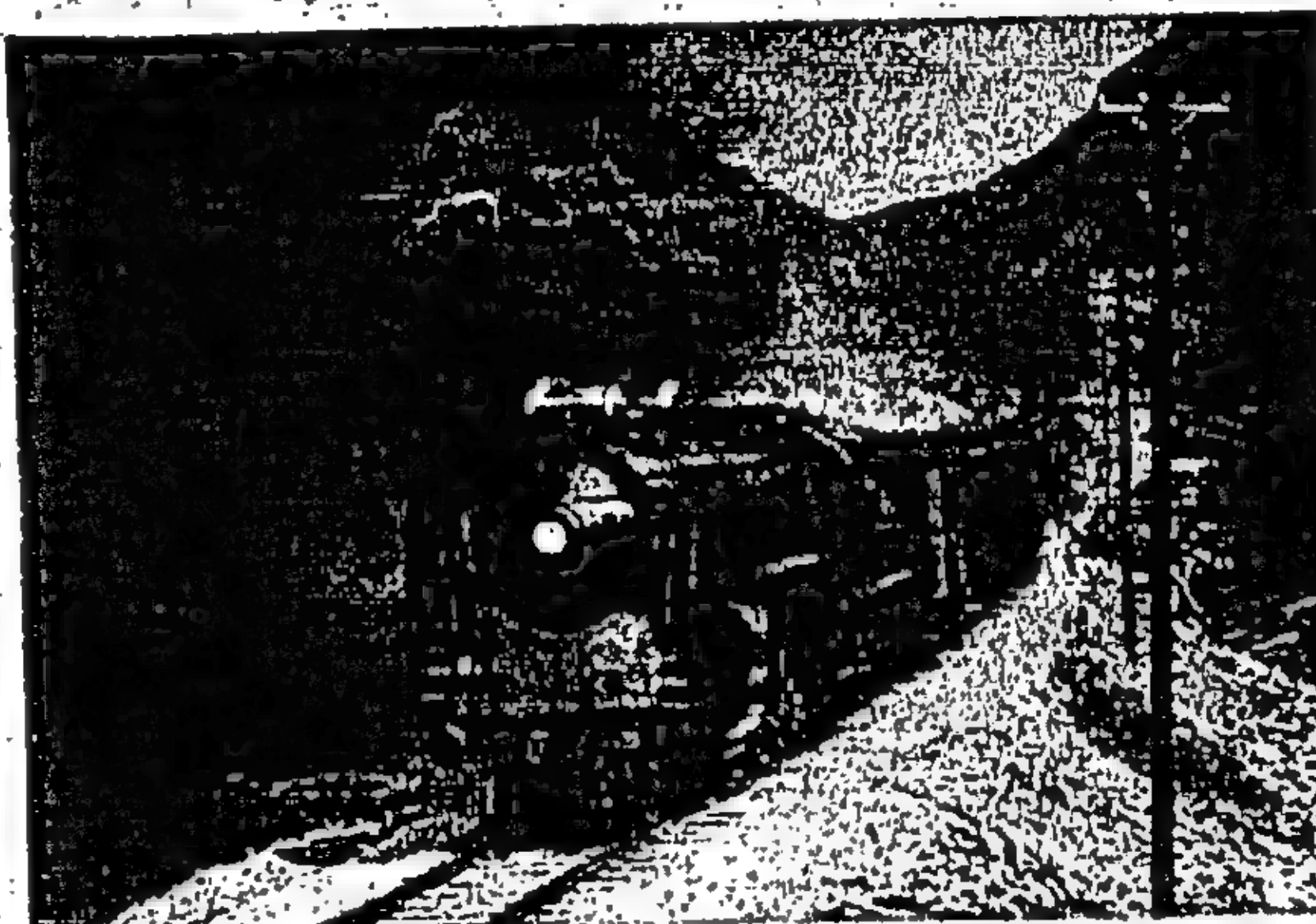
The force will be voluntary and unpaid, and ages will be between 17 and 65 years.

The volunteers will be armed and the force will be used mostly in small towns, villages and other sparsely populated areas.

KILLED BY OWN MACHINE GUNS

PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—According to the French wireless, Nazi planes machine-gunned a train as it drew into Rotterdam station. There were 600 German prisoners of war on board the train. Twenty of them were killed.

GERMANS GAIN VITAL RAILWAY



THE ALLIED withdrawal from Namnos last week resulted in the German seizure of the railway shown above.

Dutch Queen Broadcasts Poignant Message To Her People

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—Queen Wilhelmina broadcast from here to-day to the Dutch people.

"As soon as it became certain that we and our Ministers could no longer freely direct our country in Holland," she said, "we decided, much against our desire, to transfer the seat of Government abroad."

"As soon as the situation permits we shall return to Holland. The Government is now in England."

Our Cause Will Prevail
"Be assured that our cause will prevail. The Netherlands' High Command still makes all military decisions."

"The local Councils must do all they can judge necessary in the public interest."

"My heart goes out to my compatriots in the Fatherland. With God's help we shall win. Remember the olden days. It will be so again. Do all you can to help our cause."

Proclamation
LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—A proclamation to the Netherlands people has been issued by Queen Wilhelmina in London.

The proclamation states that the Dutch Government, which is now in England, is not prepared to capitulate and that therefore all territory of the Netherlands, which is in Dutch hands in Europe, and the East and West Indies forms a sovereign state able to keep its place as a full member of the community of states and to join in the deliberations of the Allies.

In those parts of the country where the usurper has established domination, the local civilian authorities must do all they can in the interests of the population for the maintenance of order.

Remember the calamities which occurred in the past centuries, continues the Queen's proclamation, and the repeated resurrection of our country. That will take place again.

Queen To Return
LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—

RUTHLESS ATTACK ORDERED

7,000 Nazi Planes To Attack Belgium

PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—The German High Command has ordered its 6,000 or 7,000 planes on the Belgian front to attack ruthlessly both civil and military objectives, says a message from Brussels.

"Since yesterday," says the dispatch, "there have been numerous attacks on open cities and huge fires have been caused by bombs on Namur."

"Part of Liege has undergone intensive bombing for 12 hours."

Evacuees Pursued
"On the roads, motor cars carrying evacuees are pitilessly pursued. The Brussels banks this morning declared a moratorium on withdrawals."

"On Post Office accounts only 3,000 francs fortnightly can be withdrawn."

"Long queues are waiting before the Bank of England offices and the post offices but there is no sign of panic."

"Although the people are preparing to leave the capital at short notice, it is not through fear of danger as the population has shown remarkable courage since the invasion began."

"The Belgians prefer to risk great danger on the roads and railways rather than the horrors of German occupation."

France Calls Up More Reserves

PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-night by the Ministry of National Defence orders all soldiers released for farming work to rejoin their units immediately.

Queen Wilhelmina will return to Holland as soon as possible. She spent to-day quietly at Buckingham Palace.



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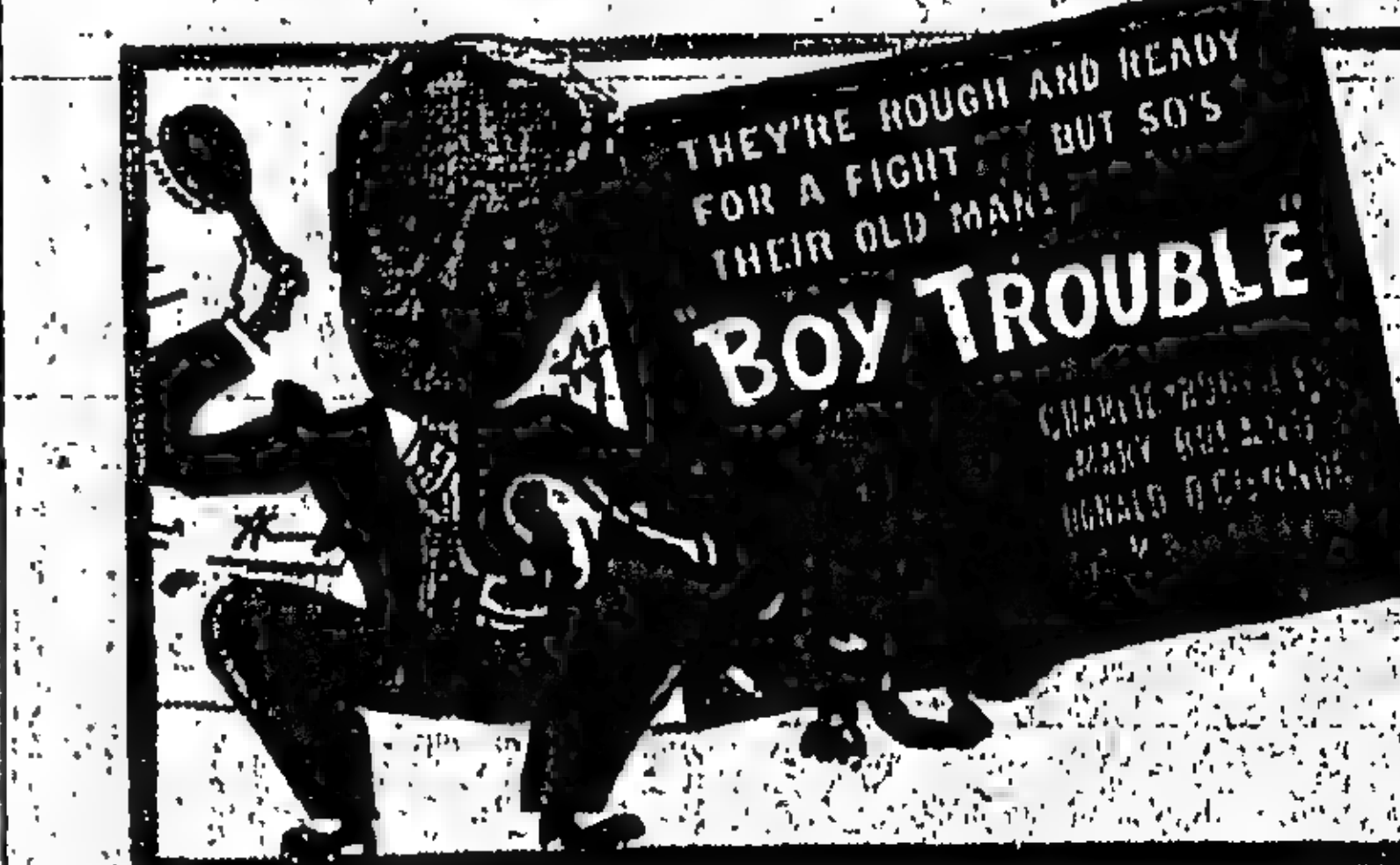


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Great Battle Of The Meuse Still Raging

NAZI VANGUARD 12 MILES FROM BRUSSELS, CLAIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, May 15 (DOMEI). — THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND CLAIMS THAT GERMAN TROOPS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN EFFECTING A CROSSING OF THE MEUSE RIVER SOUTH OF NAMUR.

FIERCE BATTLES ARE RAGING ALONG THE ENTIRE MEUSE FRONT.

The German forces have reached at a point 12 miles from Brussels, according to a German High Command communique.

FURIOUS STREET FIGHTING

A message from Paris states that fierce fighting is raging in the Meuse River sector.

There is furious street fighting in the city of Sedan, according to a French High Command communique.

NAZIS IN SEDAN

THE ENTIRE AREA OF BELGIUM, EAST OF THE MEUSE RIVER, IS NOW IN GERMAN HANDS.

This area comprising the Ardennes mountain region stretches from the Luxembourg border westward to the Meuse.

The Germans are on the right bank of the Meuse on which lies the important Belgian cities of Liege, Namur, Dinant and, in French territory, Sedan.

Sedan, one of the big cities on the Franco-Belgian border which was the scene of bitter fighting 25 years ago was evacuated yesterday.

The Germans claim that it is now in their hands. This claim has now been substantiated by reports from Paris.

BATTLE OF THE MEUSE

By HERBERT KING

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, May 14 (UP). — A German mechanized column took Sedan, the French border city, as the greatest battle of mechanized forces the world has ever seen continued along the

HUGE GERMAN DRIVE TOWARDS NORTH SEA

By HERBERT KING

(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, May 14 (UP). — The fifth day of the great German attack through Belgium and Holland saw the offensive assume a distinctly dual character. Firstly, and most important, the Germans have launched a terrific drive towards the North Sea. Their main objective appears to be to gain control of the entire area north of the River Scheldt, which empties into the sea at Belgium's great seaport of Antwerp.

The second objective is to break through the Maginot Line in the vicinity of Sedan or at Longwy. Longwy is the big French city near where the Belgian, Luxembourg and French borders meet.

Race Against Time

On the one hand, a million and a half Germans are rushing their mechanized units westwards and southwards.

An equal number of British and French troops are rushing eastwards and north-eastwards.

When the two forces meet, the world will reverberate to a clash such as it has never known before.

Two-Axis Offensive

The German offensive is progressing on two axes. Firstly, they are pouring through Belgium and Holland from Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) past Liege and Maastricht in the direction of Brussels and Antwerp.

Secondly, they are driving from Coblenz and Trier through Luxembourg towards the River Meuse and the Meuse Valley.

The French claim that the heavy Maginot Line fortifications are

FAILED TO HALT GERMANS



Although great faith was placed in the efficacy of the Dutch system of inundation, the flooding of large parts of Holland failed to stop the overwhelming Nazi advance. Here we see part of the Dutch inundation scheme illustrated.

Mammoth Air Battles on the Western Front

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AIR BATTLES ON A MAMMOTH SCALE ARE TAKING PLACE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, LATEST REPORTS FROM THE WESTERN FRONT INDICATE.

Several hundred British, French and German planes have apparently engaged in the world's greatest battle over Sedan, the French city on the Maginot Line which the Germans claim to have entered.

A "United Press" message from Berlin quotes DNB as reporting that 69 British and French planes were brought down over Sedan.

There is no report from Allied sources of the battle.

R.A.F. Bombers Active
Bombers of the R.A.F., however, are engaged in increasing numbers in attacking with the fullest possible vigour, the German armies which are engaged in the attempt to cross the Meuse River between Namur and Sedan.

No details are available, says "United Press," of the R.A.F. action, but it is understood that every available R.A.F. machine that can take to the air has been engaged in continuous operations.

Germany's Blitzkrieg air attacks on France have increased in ferocity during the past 24 hours and throughout yesterday air raids on north-east France were continuous.

Maternity Hospital Wrecked
In one village a small maternity hospital was wrecked.

A large number of civilians have been killed.

A British Air Ministry communique says: "The object of our air operations in the battle now developing in the Low Countries has been to harass the enemy's communications and to protect the advance of the Allied troops."

"Throughout Monday and Tuesday night, our bombers continued to attack the enemy on the roads, railways and bridges leading to the Dutch and Belgian battlefields."

Roads Blocked
"Considerable damage" has been done to enemy lines of communication.

"The roads in Brabant (Holland) have been successfully blocked."

"Further north on the Dutch battlefields, important railway bridges were attacked and a fire was seen to break out."

"Our fighter aircraft have been constantly on patrol over the battlefields and its approaches."

"Our fighter pilots inflicted on the enemy to-day at least four times as much damage as they themselves suffered."

Kunming Has Raid Alarm

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KUNMING, May 15 (UP). — Two squadrons of Japanese planes crossed into Yunnan Province from Kwangsi yesterday morning.

The air raid alarm was sounded at Kunming at 10.10 a.m., and continued until 1.10 p.m.

The raiders are reported to have bombed Kwiyang. No details are available.

DRAMATIC STORY

Eyewitness Tells Of Sudden Raids

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter). — A vivid description of conditions in Holland in the last few days was given by a young South African. A student at Leyden, he has now arrived in Britain.

They were awakened at a few minutes after four o'clock on Friday morning by the sound of planes and anti-aircraft fire, he says, and realised that a war was on. Anxiously they waited round the wireless, listening to reports of German planes dropping parachute troops.

Meanwhile, they packed as much of their possessions as they could carry, leaving the rest with friends who hope to be able to send it to South Africa one day.

They waited around like this for two days, listening to the radio and watching from their windows German parachute troops dropping

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YUGO-SLAVIA COMPLETES PREPARATIONS TO MEET ANY POSSIBLE MENACE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, May 15 (DOMEI). — DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS IN LONDON BELIEVE THAT ITALY WILL SHORTLY ENTER THE WAR AS AN ALLY OF GERMANY.

TWENTY THOUSAND AMERICANS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO LEAVE ITALY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A message from Belgrade states that Yugo-Slavia has completed all preparations to meet any threat from Italy.

Seven hundred thousand Yugo-Slavian troops are now massed on the frontiers facing Italy and Germany.

Units of the Yugo-Slavian Air Force are maintaining a constant patrol of the Adriatic Sea in order to guard against any Italian invasion across the water.

TO GIVE ORDER TO FIGHT?

By FREDERICK KUH

"UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, May 15 (UP). — The anxiety of neutral diplomats in London is growing at the possible imminence of Italy's entry into the war.

Many diplomats believe that Mussolini may order Italian troops to move in the very near future.

Reports that Mussolini has ordered the Italian Ambassador in Madrid to return immediately to Rome to join in the consultations now under way between Il Duce and Aly Maher Pasha have heightened the uncertainty.

INDUCEMENT TO SPAIN

Neutral sources envisage the possibility that Italy will try to induce Spain to join the Axis in military operations, in order to launch a land attack on Gibraltar from the Spanish mainland.

German guns are already reported to have been installed at Sierra Ronda.

According to reliable neutral sources, Italy has been pressing Egypt to conclude a Non-Aggression Pact and thus undermine the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Alliance. Egypt, it is claimed, has steadfastly refused to meet the Italian wishes.

Refugees Flock To London

By ROBERT DAWSON

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, May 15 (UP). — Bedraggled, unshaven and, in many cases, without shoes, British, French and Dutch refugees continued to pour into London last night — in special trains.

They were herded into large halls, where their passports were examined to make sure there were no "Fifth Columnists" among them.

I arrived in London from Amsterdam with three other "United Press" correspondents who were included in the refugees.

We came across to an east coast port in a British warship. We saw Queen Wilhelmina and the Netherlands Government board two British destroyers which quickly whisked them across the North Sea.

Painful Business
The flight of many of the refugees was a wretched and painful business. Many babies in their mother's arms had not been fed for over 24 hours. Many of the aches were pitiful in the extreme.

Mothers, sisters and wives had left their men-folk behind to carry on the struggle against the invading hordes. Many will never be seen again.

Lord Halifax met the Dutch Government members, who arrived in a British cruiser. Among the refugees was the Earl of Chichester.

"It Was Hell"
He told me: "When we left last night, most of Rotterdam was afire. The Germans were still landing parachute troops."

I spoke to a wounded refugee from Brussels. He had been wounded by a bomb splinter.

"It was Hell," he said. "The noise alone during the four days continuous bombing was enough to drive one insane."

DUTCH YIELD ARMS

Capitulation To The Germans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 15 (Domei). — In obedience to the commands of the General Staff, Dutch troops everywhere are surrendering their arms to the advancing Germans, who are now meeting no resistance in their advance to the coast.

Both Rotterdam and Utrecht have been occupied, according to a broadcast by Radio-Amsterdam.

A large part of the Dutch Army has, however, been concentrated in Zealand where the Netherlands High Command intends to continue resistance in order to avoid complete capitulation.

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LATEST

Dutch Set Fire To Oil Supplies

AMSTERDAM, May 14 (Domei). — Upon the order by the Supreme Commander of the Netherlands Army to stop fighting, the Netherlands forces defending Amsterdam immediately set fire to various oil storages and many important warehouses in the city.

They are now retreating towards Zeeland.

Queen Wilhelmina, who is now in London, to-day gave absolute power by radio to Lieut.-Gen. Winckelman, Supreme-Commander of the Netherlands Army, to direct Netherlands affairs.

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Nazi Goods Auctioned

Hongkong Buyers Bid Briskly

A Chinese undertaker was among those present at the public auction of German goods held in the godown of Messrs. Schmidt and Co., in liquidation, in the basement of Gloucester Building this morning when scientific and medical apparatus and a quantity of other things were put up for sale. The auctioneers were Messrs. Lammer Brothers.

The first price offered for a lot of German patent medicine was \$1 but keen bidding ensued and the hammer fell at \$10, the medicine going to a doctor. Two hundred porcelain balls fetched \$11 and 20 balls of agate brought in \$8. Five student's microscopes aggregated \$690 and a petroleum bath for a resistance with six resistances went for \$100.

Keen Bidding

The price paid for a biological colorimeter with haemoglobin attachment was \$110 whilst a microscope and accessories fetched \$100 after keen bidding between two buyers. An X-Ray set brought in \$37 and another \$278. A portable X-Ray machine was knocked down for \$58. Two X-Ray transformers were sold for \$26 whilst a lot of sundries for X-Ray machine went for \$28.

A Louis Scooper testing apparatus went for \$39 and a silver gas plant, electric driven, and 50 burners reached \$400. A plant with three bull mills of 1.5 liters capacity each, complete with motor of 220V AC and starter on wooden case, was sold for \$200.

Lowest Price, 25 Cents

The lowest price paid at the auction was 25 cents and this was given for five driving belts for a dental machine. Eight hundred diagrams for Fuera Chronogram fetched 50 cents and five valves \$1. A packing case containing films went for \$39 whilst a demon oil stove was auctioned for \$10. A bathroom scale fetched \$10.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

HOLLAND SURRENDERS TO TERRIBLE, RUTHLESS GERMAN WAR MACHINE

AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM BURN FIERCELY: BLACKOUTS LIFTED TO SAVE CITIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, MAY 14 (UP).—HOLLAND HAS SURRENDERED TO THE GERMAN INVASION.

THE NEWS OF THIS STARTLING AND DRAMATIC CAPITULATION WAS CONTAINED IN AN ORDER ISSUED TO-DAY BY LIEUT. GENERAL H. C. WINGELMAN, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE NETHERLANDS ARMY, AND AT PRESENT TITULAR HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Fighting is to cease throughout Holland, with the exception of Zeeland, states the communique.

Blackouts and other war measures throughout the country are to be discontinued immediately in order to prevent unnecessary destruction and bloodshed, stated the General's Command.

Thus, the great unoccupied areas, as well as the northern part of central Holland which is overrun, have surrendered.

CITIES ABLAZE

Large sections of Amsterdam and Rotterdam are ablaze.

These fires were caused chiefly by German bombs, and secondly by Dutch defence measures.

The Germans now dominate most of the northern front and have been victorious in the northern sections of central Holland.

ZUYDER ZEE POUNDED

General Winkelman had earlier admitted that the northern provinces were fully in enemy hands but claimed that the Dutch were still holding out at Denisholder, which is the main base overlooking the enclosing dam of the Zuyder Zee where the Germans tried to pierce the dykes between north and northeast Holland.

He said the Germans pounded the Zuyder Zee Dam with heavy artillery and launched one attack this morning which was repulsed.

Dutch Public Stunned

General Winkelman has been the titular head of the Government since the Queen fled to London. The Dutch public are stunned by the announcements. The press has explained that the Queen was forced to flee to England because the Germans had discovered a plan to set up the Dutch Court in Zeeland and prepared to bomb it.

Earlier Statement

AMSTERDAM, May 14 (Reuters).—According to the Dutch Commander-in-Chief yesterday, the military position in Holland is as follows:

The northern provinces are in the hands of the enemy. Attempts to attack the dam across the mouth of the Zuyder Zee have been frustrated.

Hook Base Held

Heider, the important base at the Hook, is in Dutch hands. The position at Brabant is uncertain.

Zeeland is in Dutch hands. On the Dutch frontier the troops have withdrawn to the water line. Air defence organizations are still working despite serious losses.

The Commander-in-Chief said that the struggle was difficult but the fight was worth while. It was a fight for Dutch independence and existence for freedom won centuries ago by the Prince of Orange.

Grave Situation Admitted

PARIS, May 14 (Reuters).—According to well-informed military circles here, the situation in Holland is regarded as grave following the German advance towards Utrecht and Rotterdam.

The military situation in Belgium has hardly varied at all to-day. The German advance guards, after their big bound forward of nearly 100 miles, are evidently waiting for the main German forces.

Amsterdam in Flames

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". AMSTERDAM, May 14 (UP).—Amsterdam is one mass of flames. The oil supplies in Amsterdam have been set on fire, says a Dutch High Command statement, and huge fires are now raging throughout the city.

Embassies to Remain

BRUSSELS, May 14 (Reuters).—The semi-official Belgian news agency states that the situation continues to improve and adds that there is no question of the Allied embassies leaving the capital.

Quiet in Brussels

BRUSSELS, May 14 (Reuters).—Everything is more or less quiet here to-day. There have been no further bombings up to a late hour in the afternoon. The morale of the populace is excellent.

New Defence Positions

BRUSSELS, May 14 (Reuters).—To-day's communique states: "During the night of May 13,

Many Street Accidents

6 Pedestrians Hurt; One Killed

An eight-year-old Chinese boy, Kwok Kam, was knocked down in Sai Wan Ho yesterday by a car driven by Capt. A. O. G. Mills, R.A., of Lyemun. He was taken to Queen Mary Hospital with serious head injuries.

An unknown Chinese was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital in an unconscious condition yesterday, after he had been knocked down by a bus driven by Ho Wing, in Caroline Road, Causeway Bay. The man suffered head injuries.

Multiple injuries were suffered by a woman, Yeung Kiu, when she was knocked down by a motor lorry in Tai Kok Tsui yesterday. She was taken to Kowloon Hospital by the driver, Chow Wing.

Knocked Down By Lorry. As a result of being knocked down by a lorry driven by Wan Chung in Kennedy Town Praya yesterday, Wong Ching-shu, a man, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with injuries to his left leg.

Similar injuries were suffered by Lee Foo, a 62-year-old man, when he was knocked down by a lorry driven by Kwok Shue-wing in Queen's Road West. He was also taken to Queen Mary Hospital.

A beef-stall foh, Ip Kwan, 18, who was riding a bicycle, suffered injuries to his forehead when he collided with the rear of a bus in Kowloon yesterday. He was treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

Wong Fuk, 29, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital with severe head injuries received as a result of alighting from a moving bus in Lai Chikok Road near Kwelin Street, Kowloon, yesterday. He died after admission to hospital.

Menzies Requests More Recruits

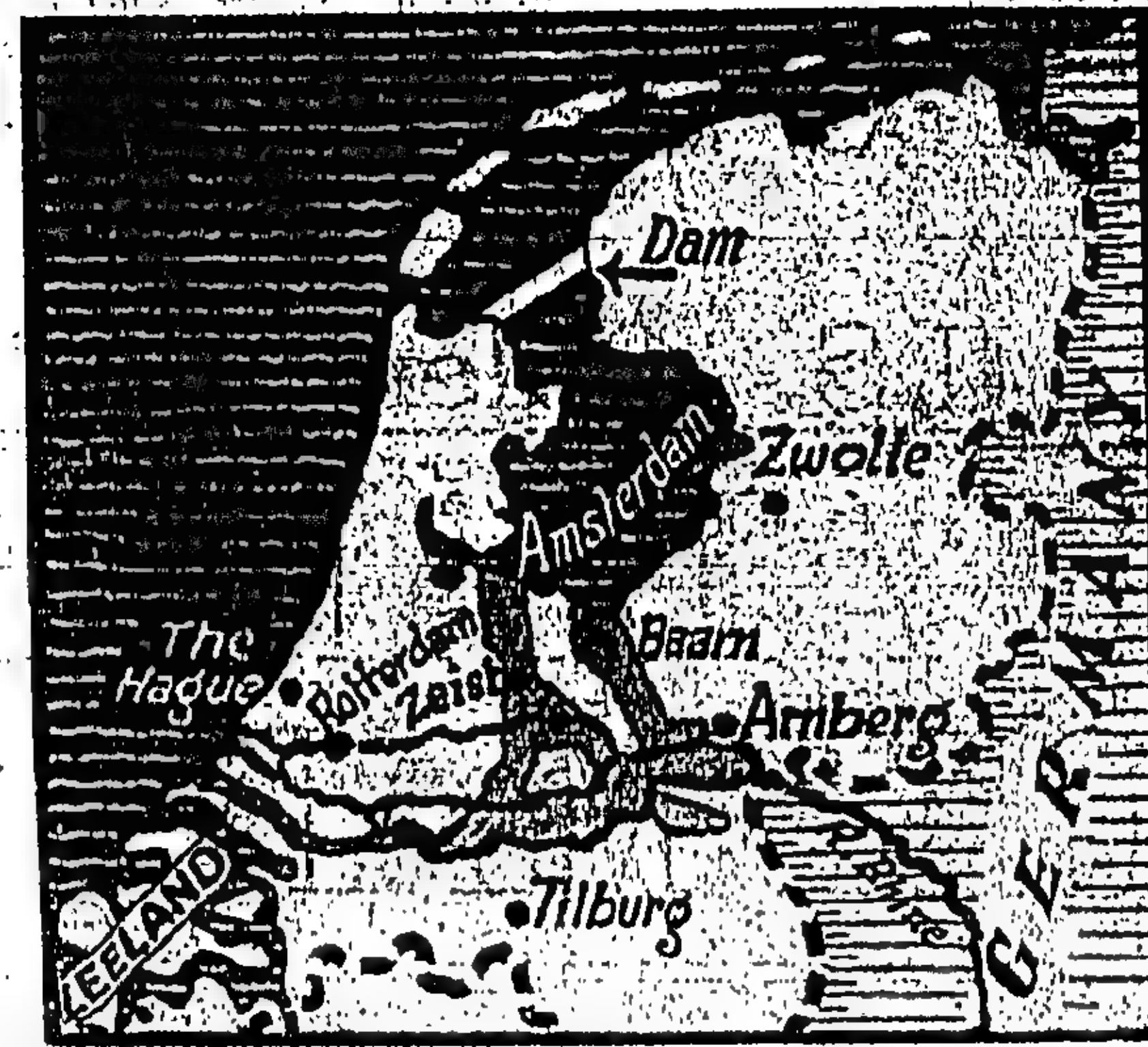
CANBERRA, May 14 (Reuters).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, appealed for recruits for overseas service in a broadcast speech to-day.

He pointed out that Australia's home defence was more assured than a year ago and urged the necessity for rapid training of troops for overseas.

He declared: "The enemy is not waiting, and hopes that we shall not be there or be there too late. I call on Australia to give him his answer."

Belgian forces look up, in good order without suffering any losses, new defence positions in accordance with the plan of operations.

"They are supported by the Allied armies. At Namur our troops are strongly resisting the violent attacks of mechanised troops supported by aerial bombardment. During yesterday, Belgian motorised units and cavalry corps fought a brilliant engagement in the region of Gette."



Map showing the Zeeland area, the only part of Holland in which resistance will be continued.

Stopped From Sleeping

Peak Resident's Complaint

Alleged to have made sleep impossible for Mr. W. F. Simmons, of 15 Peak Mansions, by the continual revving of his motor car engine, Kam Kwong, public car driver, was summoned before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning for creating a disturbance at 3.30 a.m. on April 24.

Sub-Ins. C. Bynsting said Mr. Simmons was awakened by the continual revving of a motor car engine. He told defendant to stop the noise. The man did so, but five minutes later, he began again. He was again told to stop by Mr. Simmons, and apparently went away to telephone for some merchants, who later arrived, and more noise was created by tools being thrown to the ground, and the revving of the engine. As a result Mr. Simmons was unable to get further sleep that night. He telephoned the Police and asked that a summons be taken out against the defendant.

Case Adjourned

Mr. Simmons said when he first saw the car, it appeared to be caught in the rear of another car, and defendant was revving the engine in an endeavour to free his vehicle. Defendant denied the offence, and the summons was adjourned for one week to enable him to call witnesses.

U.S. CONDEMNS INVASION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 14 (UP).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to-day informed the Pan-American conference that the United States will gladly join in a joint declaration, protesting against the German invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

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SEQUEL TO BURGLARY

Houseboy's "Guest" Admits Thefts

Following a series of raids by an unknown burglar on Mr. A. Sinton's premises at 15 Gramplan Road, Leung Kwai, 18, unemployed, who had been staying at Mr. Sinton's as a guest of the house boy, was questioned by the Police and admitted having entered the premises on two occasions.

This morning, Leung was charged before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy with entering No. 15 Gramplan Road first floor and stealing a sum of money on May 12. He was also charged with entering the same premises on May 7 and stealing \$25, two keys, a cash box and a raincoat.

Det. Sgt. Johnston said defendant had been bound over for \$30 for a similar offence last month and had only just come out of gaol.

Pleading guilty, Leung was sentenced to nine months hard labour.

Hospitality Abused

Visitor From Swatow Rifles Safe

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning on Lam Cheung, 24, unemployed, for the theft from a safe, of a money-box containing \$201.05 Hongkong money, \$995 Chinese money, a jade bangle, a silver chain and two rattan bangles, the property of Wong Lee-fat, 72, a shop-keeper.

It was stated the defendant arrived in Hongkong from Swatow on April 22, and as he was a friend of one of the assistants employed by Wong, was allowed to sleep in the first floor of No. 8 Bonham Strand West. During his stay, he stole the keys to the safe from Wong's jacket, opened the safe and took the money-box. Fortunately, everything it contained was recovered intact.

KILLED BY OWN MACHINE GUNS

PARIS, May 14 (Reuters).—According to the French wireless, Nazi planes machine-gunned a train as it drew into Tournai station. There were 650 German prisoners of war on board the train. Twenty of them were killed.

LONDON, May 14 (Reuters).—Several hundred Dutch, Belgian and British refugees from Holland arrived in a British port to-day. They were landed from three British ships.

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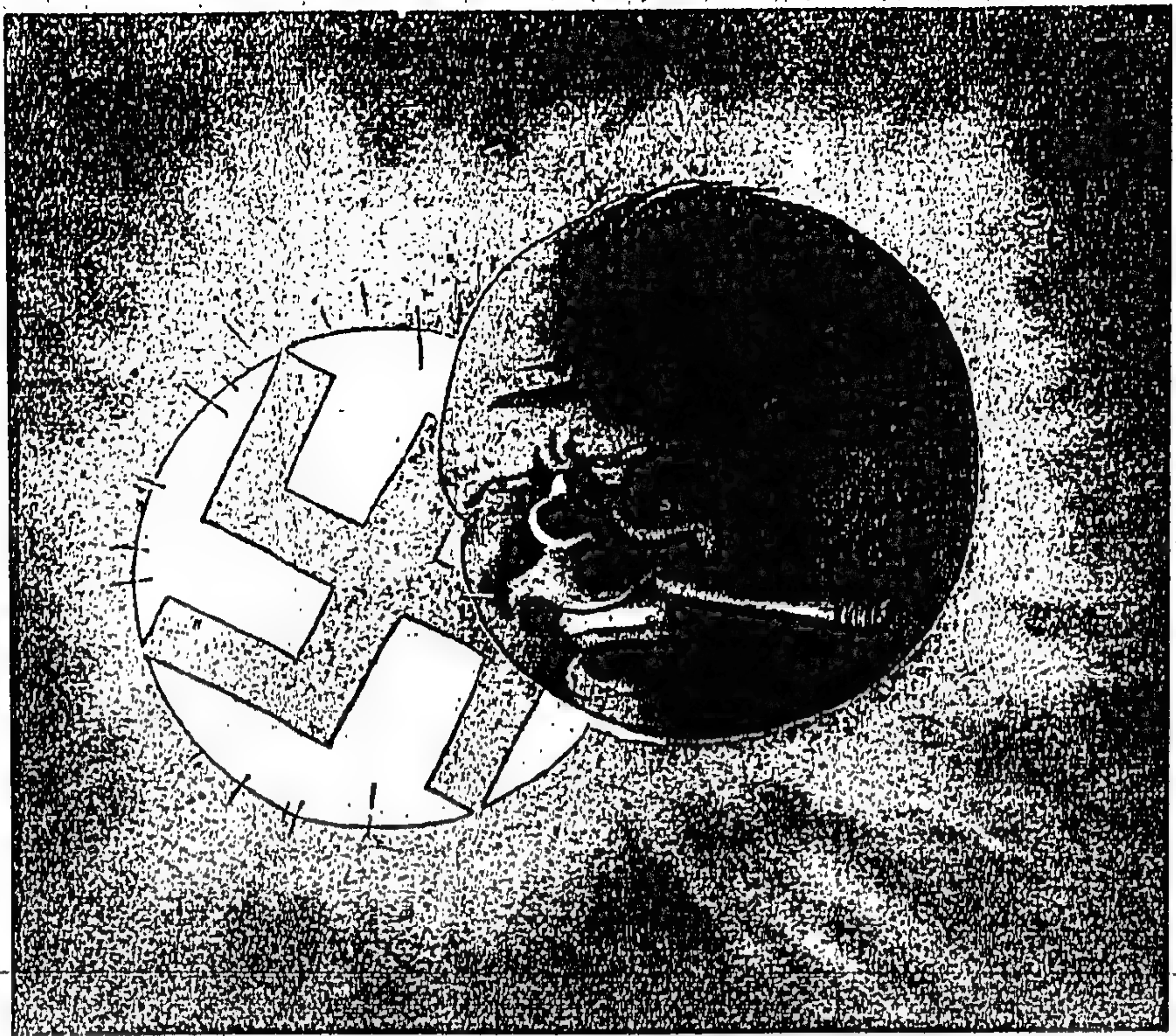


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A Totalitarian Eclipse Has Been Arranged!

Meet the Navy's "ACID DROP"

by Paul Holt

THE odds are that one name will come to the surface, to defeat the Navy's liking for reticence and privacy, to take its place, when this war is over, with the English names of Blake and Beatty, Nelson and Jellicoe.

It's a Welsh name—Phillips. Christian name Tom. It belongs to a little admiral who doesn't sail the seas.

I first heard the name of Vice-Admiral Tom Spencer Vaughan Phillips mentioned by Winston Churchill at the Guildhall luncheon to the men of the Exeter and the Ajax on February 23.

CHURCHILL, that day, was talking to the Navy. Not to civilians. There were phrases in his speech—he rasped “amid the tangles of a one-sided neutrality” when he talked about the Cossack rescue of the Altmark men from a Norwegian fjord—which were intended for the world.

But the bulk of his words were for the Navy. He talked about “your friend—the one you sank—the Graf Spee.” And he paid tribute, as the Navy would want him to do, to the men who made the River Plate victory possible. To Sir Henry Harwood and Sir Dudley Pound, the First Sea Lord.

But because I hadn't heard the name mentioned before, I paid more attention when he paid tribute to Vice-Admiral Tom Phillips.

And now he has paid further tribute. He has made Admiral Tom Phillips Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff. Before, he was deputy chief. Now, it is clear from the Downing-street announcement of his appointment, he takes on when Sir Dudley Pound leaves off. The announcement talks about twenty-four-hour warfare.

WHO is this Tom Phillips? Nobody knows him. The lower deck don't know him. They haven't a nickname for him. They don't call him Ginger, which is the name they have for Admiral of the Fleet the Earl of Cork and Orrery.

At the Admiralty he is well known by sight, but few know him to talk to. He is shorter than Napoleon, who stood six ft. 10 in. I'd give him Nelson's six ft. 4 in.



... two brains with just over a single brain

He is, I'd say from a sight of him, on the heavy side of a feather-weight six nine stone dead. He has small feet, a grim little rat-trap of a mouth which turns up at the corners. He probably has a lot of secret jokes to himself that nobody, not even Churchill, knows about.

In his posed pictures he wears his hat at the Beatty tilt, but often forgets to keep that pose and puts it on dead straight.

I'm not suggesting that this is his affectionate nickname, but somebody who sees him most days summed him up to me as “The Acid Drop.” H. C. Ferraby, Daily Express naval reporter, says cheerily “Why he's all brains and no body, like me.”

Put him up against the six ft. 4 in. bulk of Ironside at a War Council meeting, and you'd say it was a new music-hall act. Jelsam and Clapham. But these two men are the brains of the Army, the brains of the Navy.

ADMIRAL Tom Phillips got to where he is to-day because, for one period in his life, he had nothing to do. For three years of the last war he was commander of the cruiser Lancaster on the Pacific station. All he had to do was pace the Pacific in case something turned up. Nothing turned up. As Fred Astaire sings: He joined the Navy, and what did he see? He saw the sea.

For three years, from 1916 to 1919, he kept cruising while the Admiralty, from time to time, would promote him. At decent intervals they would make him acting commander, commander, acting captain, to show that they had not forgotten him. Commander Phillips spent those thirty-six months studying naval strategy and tactics. He worked out new theories, evolved new plans of attack.

He came home from that long vigil in the sun with his head

cramped full of ideas, and it is quite clear that he could talk about them, for his subsequent career shows that he has been trained, step by step, for the post he holds to-day.

His superior, Sir Dudley Pound, is a “big ship man.” He thinks in terms of battle cruisers. But Tom Phillips is a little ship man. Light cruisers, destroyers, torpedo boats are his speciality. The smaller the ship, the happier is Tom. He will only admit to one hobby. He likes sailing. I guess he'd be happiest in a 10-ft. pram with a bamboo mast stepped in the fore and his leg over the tiller.

HE is fifty-two, the son of an Army colonel and a grandson of one of Queen Victoria's admirals. He has served his time at the Admiralty in the Plans Department, and has been head man of the destroyer force in home waters. He is a mystery man to his fellow admirals. All they know about him is that he is very clever. His only notable foible is that he runs a pencil through Thomas Spencer Vaughan, which are his Christian names, and substitutes Tom.

Why? Is it his joke? Does he mean Tom Thumb? Nobody knows. Nobody dare ask him.

Spotting The Rank LIEUTENANT-COLONEL

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Next country on the list?

FOR the first time since war began the people of Jugo-Slavia are being told as openly as officials dare that they, too, may be drawn into the war.

Their papers are doing things they would not be allowed to do before the invasion of Scandinavia and the Lowlands. They are printing little notices daily saying: “The enemy will rain down death from the skies. He will try to sabotage the army, blow up bridges, mine roads.”

One paper came out with an officially inspired article saying that Jugo-Slavia must be prepared to fight an enemy five times her size and another three times her size—meaning Germany and Italy.

These are little things, but when it is realised that five weeks ago they would have brought hot protests from Germany regarding “infingement of neutrality and provocation to her great neighbours,” you get some idea of the way Jugo-Slavia is facing danger before it is too late.

Not that Jugo-Slavia is strong enough to come out openly with her pro-Allied feelings. The German Fifth Column is still strong. In spite of the fact that so far more than two hundred have been asked to go home.

Then the Croats are still being whipped into unrest from outside. Vladko Matchek, their chief politician, who made peace with the Serbs for the price of Croat autonomy is being attacked in pamphlets smuggled in from extreme Croats are being supported by Italy in a policy to separate Croatia.

Then there is the 600,000 German minority who have announced that they have at last chosen as leader Dr. Josef Janzic from Slovenia, near the Austrian border.

The Serbs are not blind, but they cannot do much more than they are doing now until our policy in the Balkans becomes more definite than it has been, until we can tell them: “If the Germans invade, we will send you so much help, and in such form, and in such time.”

They feel that they are in a much more dangerous situation than even Rumania, because the general opinion here is that, if Germany should invade Jugo-Slavia, Italy would try to seize Croatia and the Dalmatian coast, in order to “protect” her interests.

JUGO-SLAVIA'S reaction to this has been to open her back door to Russia with an economic delegation to Moscow, but the hoped-for Allied help is still undefined. The Germans would object, but they object to everything that tends to get Jugo-Slavia from their grasp.

The other day, in darkened cinemas, their agents showered down leaflets saying that Jugo-Slavia had better bow-tow to Germany, or else.

This led to the fiercest anti-German demonstration Belgrade has known since the war began. The police had hardly begun their inquiries before the German Press attache called on them and complained that the leaflets were the latest manifestation of the British secret service.

DESPATCH FROM JUGO-SLAVIA BY SYDNEY MORRELL

How he knew about the leaflets or the police inquiries he did not explain, but the fact is that the British have no printing press in Jugo-Slavia. The French have, but it prints in Cyrillic letters. The leaflets were printed in Latin characters.

The Germans forgot this point, but the police still think it is a good joke.

A Slavonic alphabet (used by the Slavs of the Eastern Church) and ascribed to St. Cyril.

DID YOU WONDER?

When Animated Cartoons Were Invented?

What was probably the first one-reel animated cartoon was drawn by Winsor McCay, the originator of “Little Nemo in Slumberland.” The animation concerned the adventures of “Gertie, the Dinosaur,” and it took McCay more than a year to make the 10,000 pen-and-ink drawings that made up the film.

“Gertie” appeared in 1909; and about the same time J. R. Bray also used up acres of white paper in producing an animated cartoon which he sold to Pathe for \$2,000. However, Bray saw that too many drawings had to be made for even a short cartoon to make animation commercially profitable.

Bray made an early stride toward reducing the amount of necessary drawing by having the background and motionless parts of each scene on one sheet of paper, and then drawing the figures and moving parts of the scene on transparent sheets of celluloid. Each successive movement of the characters was drawn on separate celluloid sheets which were numbered in sequence. The celluloid sheets were placed, one at a time, over the background and photographed in order; and when the resulting film was projected, the characters seemed to move.

These early figures could never pass in front of any background object, because the background pen lines would show through the figure. This difficulty was met by filling in the figure with opaque gray, black and white, so the figure blotted out whatever background lines it happened to cross.

Then, too, by putting more than one sheet of celluloid over the background, it became no longer necessary to re-draw the entire figure when, for example, the only action was the waving of a hand. Just the movements of the hand were drawn on one series of celluloid sheets, the unmoving parts of the figure being drawn just once on a single sheet of celluloid placed under the sheets with the hand animation on them.

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Eward Banse

What does Nazi Germany think of France? Why did Hitler invade Belgium and Holland? Below, Professor Eward Banse reveals the secrets of German thought to you.

He is one of the Nazi hierarchy in Germany, and wrote, in 1933, what was to become the text book of the German military machine. A copy of the book was received in London and, despite strenuous efforts on the part of the Nazis, was translated into English.

Professor Banse's indiscretions permit us to know, in even more astonishing detail than does "Mein Kampf", the reasons that have made Germany the most hated and most feared country the world has ever known.

The words below are the words of Germany, as placed on paper by the author of its modern military text-book.

NOW read what he has to say about his country's neighbours in the west, and remember that this is the opinion of all Nazis and of many Germans who are not Nazis.

We Germans readily admit that the present boundary line is an uncommonly advantageous one for France, but no one must take it amiss if we modestly indicate our aspirations for the future.

From our point of view, the best frontier would run from the Jura along the ridge to the west of the upper Moselle and the upper Meuse and then, bending westwards and keeping south of the chalk and tertiary regions, to the valley of the Somme and so to the sea—or at the very least along the chalk ridge of Artois.

This frontier has, of course, the disadvantage that it takes in a French population, but that could be got over by making a present of these sons and daughters of France to their under-populated motherland.

On the other hand, it possesses great advantages. It would destroy the fortress-like character of the Paris basin, deprive the French army of the strategically most important scraps and ensure that the opening engagements in the war after next shall take place in a region which has fewer natural defences and from which Paris can be reached more quickly.

Besides that, the Channel ports of Boulogne and Calais, which are essential for holding the pistol to England's head as well as most of the coal and iron (Lille, Briey), will be in our hands. Incidentally, a considerable portion of the country involved was formerly German speaking and the rest of it is full of old German (Frankish) place names.

The Maginot Line

THE whole northern and eastern frontier of France has been enormously strengthened since the War; in particular a new defensive scheme, started in 1929, is to make it impregnable by 1934. The main feature of the scheme is the establishment of permanent fortified areas, each occupied by two divisions. Such areas are:

1.—in the region of the western Alps, from Nice to the upper valleys of the Durance and the Arc, which commands the approaches from the Italian river Dora Riparia; and the head of the valley of the Isère, which secures those from the Dora Baltea.

2.—obviously, the gap opening between the Jura and the Vosges at Belfort.

3.—two in Lorraine; one to the north-west of Haguenau and Worth; the other in front of Metz, both connected by an area all prepared for flooding in the Saar basin to the south of Saargemund.

Besides these permanent fortified areas, which are located at the natural weak points in the frontier, numerous strongly fortified posts have been planned, if not already constructed—one at the fort of the Vosges; a couple in front of Saarburg and south-east of Metz which are also sited behind two fortified areas; a couple west of Metz and south of Longwy; and a completely detached one in the region of the upper Scheldt, which has the plain of French Flanders directly on its left; this plain can be flooded by arrangement from somewhere west of Douai to the sea near Calais.

There is yet a third means of defence which the French are already getting ready in peace time—road barricades.

The biggest are situated:—in the Jura; behind the ridge of the Vosges; in front of the middle Meuse from Verdun to somewhere north of Metz; and in the region of the upper Scheldt, which has the plain of French Flanders directly on its left; this plain can be flooded by arrangement from somewhere west of Douai to the sea near Calais.

It must not be forgotten that a well-planned group of similar defences in the east of Belgium forms a useful extension of the French line towards the north. When one also considers that the railway system of the eastern France and Belgium has been developed to such a pitch that it can rush an army of millions into defenceless German territory along thirteen strategic main line railways working in conjunction with motor roads, in a few days, one is bound to admit that the French military authorities have made a splendid and admirable use of their oppor-

SECRETS of the NAZI WAR MACHINE

ILITIES to establish their country's much discussed "security."

Paris sits like a spider in the middle of an admirably planned and spun web of steel, in the world war it gave brilliant proof of its efficiency, especially in handling traffic behind the main curve of the front and between the British and French sections of the line.

Paris Is Key To France

Without Paris, with all its troops and railway stations, on its left flank, the French army could hardly have won the race to the sea in September 1914.

One of the most important tasks for the establishment of peace on earth is the weakening of the extermination, as far as that is possible, of the Germanic element in France.

Ruthlessly conducted wars, which will reduce the numbers of this French warrior caste; transportation of detachments of them to an eastern Germany of the future, where they would soon become Germanised cross-breeds of those that remain with southerners and negroes, in which matter the French military authorities have themselves shown the way; progressive means to the decline and fall of France.

Hence we approach the problem of our future relations with France not merely from a political and military but also from an ethnological point of view.

All the wrongs that the old France did to the western Germans in her wars of extermination and rapine must be paid back in kind.

The bloody de-northernising of France must be one of the main items of Germany's defence programme, for only in this way can our eternally restless bloodthirsty neighbours be shorn of some of their spiritual and physical powers.

A frontier such as the one already described, within which the French language might be extirpated in half a century, would, of course, be a great help in this task.

French Strength Was Surprise

In the War the French soldier—refer primarily to the northern Frenchman—proved himself a skilful fighter with plenty of endurance, even not quite the Englishman's stubbornness in defence.

He knew how to conduct himself in the open, and quickly seized any little advantage that came his way.

And the rapidly with which he pulled himself together after the numerous defeats of the first month of the War and resolutely turned round in full retreat to face us at the decisive battle of the Marne on September 6, 1914, came as a surprise to us.

The artillery of the whole impressed us less than the infantry. In general, it was not so much the individual soldier as the spirit pervading the whole army that maintained the honour of France in the world-war.

That spirit was entirely northern in character, and emanated from that dominant upper class of generals and deputies—embodied in men like Joffre, Nivelle, Petain, Foch and above all, Clemenceau—who, with a ruthless and admirable energy, never took their eyes off their twofold object, which was to maintain France's greatness and their own preponderance, cost what it might.

Nothing could divert these men from their aim; they were prepared to strike absolutely anything, if only that was achieved. This ruling class of republican France compels one's admiration. It has no equal in the world for sheer energy; all the more reason then, why it must be destroyed.

Never in the past, not even under Napoleon, have the destinies of France been guided by such resolute, such brutally ruthless hands as they are to-day.

"Italy Left Us In Lurch"

France would have had her war on two fronts also, had not Italy left us in the lurch.

This removed hostile pressure from the French Alps, and enabled her to use the troops assigned to their defence on the decisive northern front, where their numbers, in conjunction with the sudden weakening of the German line by the withdrawal of two army corps, tipped the scale at the battle of the Marne. France was thus able to put her whole strength into the north-eastern front, in addition to which the British expeditionary force took over the left flank.

The luck which the French higher command had at the Marne was more than deserved; for its plan of campaign was a notably poorer one than the German, and its execution left so much to be desired that it degenerated into a headlong retreat.

The execution of the German plan was not first rate either, but it only came to grief through one of the maddest, purely personal mistakes in the whole of military history.

This mistake, and this alone, rescued France from destruction and presented the French army with its "victory" of the Marne, a victory in which it had so little belief itself that it only followed it up tardily and did not begin to feel that it had won a victory till September 12.

Even the most essential thing—namely, to outflank the exposed right wing of the Germans, who had retired on the Verdun-Nielsen-Noyon line—was not done; all the French accomplished was to push back the German line northwards from Noyon.

To be sure, even this turned out well for them, for it gave the German line, which became permanently established here, an extremely unhealthy salient and kept it from the Channel ports, which were of capital importance for the landing of English troops.

Race To The Coast

In the race to the coast neither the French, in spite of the better

railway system behind them, nor the Germans succeeded in outflanking the enemy; both lengthened their lines in a series of frontal encounters as far as Flanders, where our advance failed, owing to the use of imperfectly trained, if gallant, new levies and the flooding of the country by the Belgians. By October 18, 1914, the whole western front was established.

All in all, the Franco-Belgian army came off better in the race to the sea than the German.

After the battle of the Marne on September 12-13, the essential thing was, for the Germans, to extend their line along the valley of the Somme as far as the Channel for the enemy, to bend the German line as far back from the sea as possible at Noyon.

In this the enemy were so far successful that they saved the Channel ports, secured a safe manoeuvring ground for the continuing British army between Dunkirk and Antwerp, and at the same time retaining a very rich Germanic population, the richest in Germanic blood, for France, and giving the German line of trenches the most disadvantageous shape imaginable by the salient at Noyon.

All that the Germans could set against that was the occupation of the coal mining and industrial area of northern France; the rich mines of Briey; and the mere fact of possessing a scrap of French territory, a triumph which was not sufficient, as the course of the War proved, either to intimidate the enemy or attract the neutrals.

Passing over France's share in the confiscation of the German colonies (the Cameroons and Togoland) also her disgraceful and bloodthirsty behaviour towards German civilians in her colonies, and having already discussed elsewhere her military activities in the Dardanelles, Macedonia, and northern Italy, we will proceed to the final observations on the fundamental nature of Franco-German relations.

Since her political consolidation in the middle of the 19th century, France has been an arch-enemy of our people. All that she has been the continual aggressor, her goal being the Rhine frontier.

For the fact that since then there has existed no state which included all Germans and her primarily to thank France and her deeply ingrained passion for supremacy, at least on the Continent.

All the thoughts and all the actions of the French nation are subordinated to that one great end, and its whole intellectual achievement and its whole intellectual achievement is but a means to the attainment of the Rhine and the dismemberment of the German people.

Both nations are of equal intellectual rank, both are highly gifted with creative genius; but in all matters of politics the French are superior to the Germans, owing to their national solidarity, sense, their greater devotion to the national ambitions, and their superior willingness to go along with the ruling class in this direction.

Obviously a population of this sort, with a Francophile ruling class and indifferent masses, looked on the outbreak of war between France and Germany chiefly through French eyes; and the moment their neutrality was violated, they took the French side, some with passionate ardour, others through sheer stupidity.

As we have seen above, Belgium had no independent strategic significance—it was simply a factor in both the German and the French plans of campaign; the Germans looked upon it as the way through for their right wing, the French regarded it, or at least the southern portion, as the place where the German right wing was to be annihilated.

Apart from that, Belgium played an important part in the politics of the War, inasmuch as the English government knew of the intended German violation of Belgian neutrality in case of a war at least as far back as 1911, and welcomed it, because it was the only thing that would reconcile English public opinion to a war with Germany and rouse the feelings of the world.

To the pleasure of the Germans (who incidentally offered to restore Belgian neutrality after the war) Belgium was able to oppose the fortresses of Liege and Antwerp, which were admirably constructed and protected by a ring of forts, as well as her army, which took up its position near Louvain.

The best route from Germany to

ity for "security" is cunningly disguised aggression plus, perhaps, the fear that springs from a bad conscience, seeing how long France has been allowed to work her wicked will on our border lands with almost complete impunity.

As short a while ago as 1919 the French military authorities, prompted by the ambitions I have described, demanded the annexation of the whole left bank of the Rhine, which was only prevented with great difficulty by the English and Americans.

What France would really like to see is a small Germany wedged in between the Rhine and the Oder and split up into numerous independent small states.

All movements calculated to disintegrate Germany, whether inside or outside its borders, are sure of French support.

France invited separation on the Rhine and lends every sort of aid, financial and otherwise, to the German Marxists of whatever shade of opinion; she plucked Poland and Czechoslovakia on our eastern frontier and armed them, and it was she who prevented the union between us and Austria, for the intimidation of whom she also supported the southern Slavs. Wherever we turn in Europe France stands in the way, ready to humiliate and damage us.

But these dragons' teeth which France has sown will one day surely produce their terrible crop.

Belgium In German Eyes

Belgium is one of those miserable states who have been created on the outer hem of German national territory, in defiance of all the facts of nationality, under French, and in this case perhaps also English, influence, with the object of making the numbers of the German race less formidable by splitting them up politically and thus weakening them as a whole.

The territory of Belgium was detached from Holland in 1830 by the necessities of the July revolution; in 1839 it was declared an independent entity by the powers and given "perpetual" neutrality, which—having performed its anti-German function—was abolished at Versailles in 1919. Belgium, having been incorporated as an important member of the league of Germany's enemies.

"Atrocities"

The region between Liege and Mons, right on the Paris-Berlin railway line, is the region whose mining and manufacturing population, incited by Catholic priests and Latin nationalists, inflicted so much damage by their guerrilla methods on our troops marching through the atrocities of the sharpshooters of Dinant and Liege are notorious enough.

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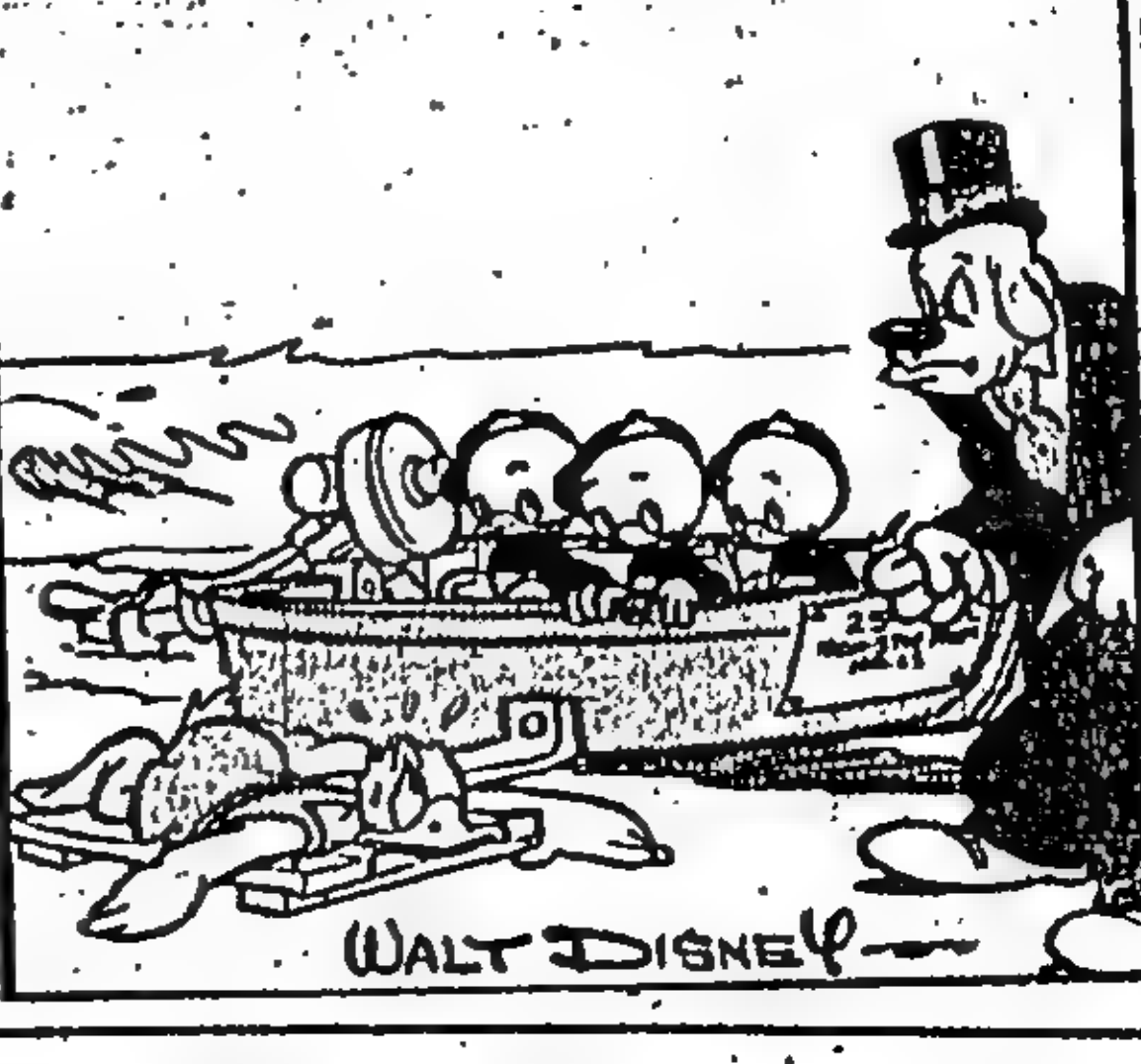
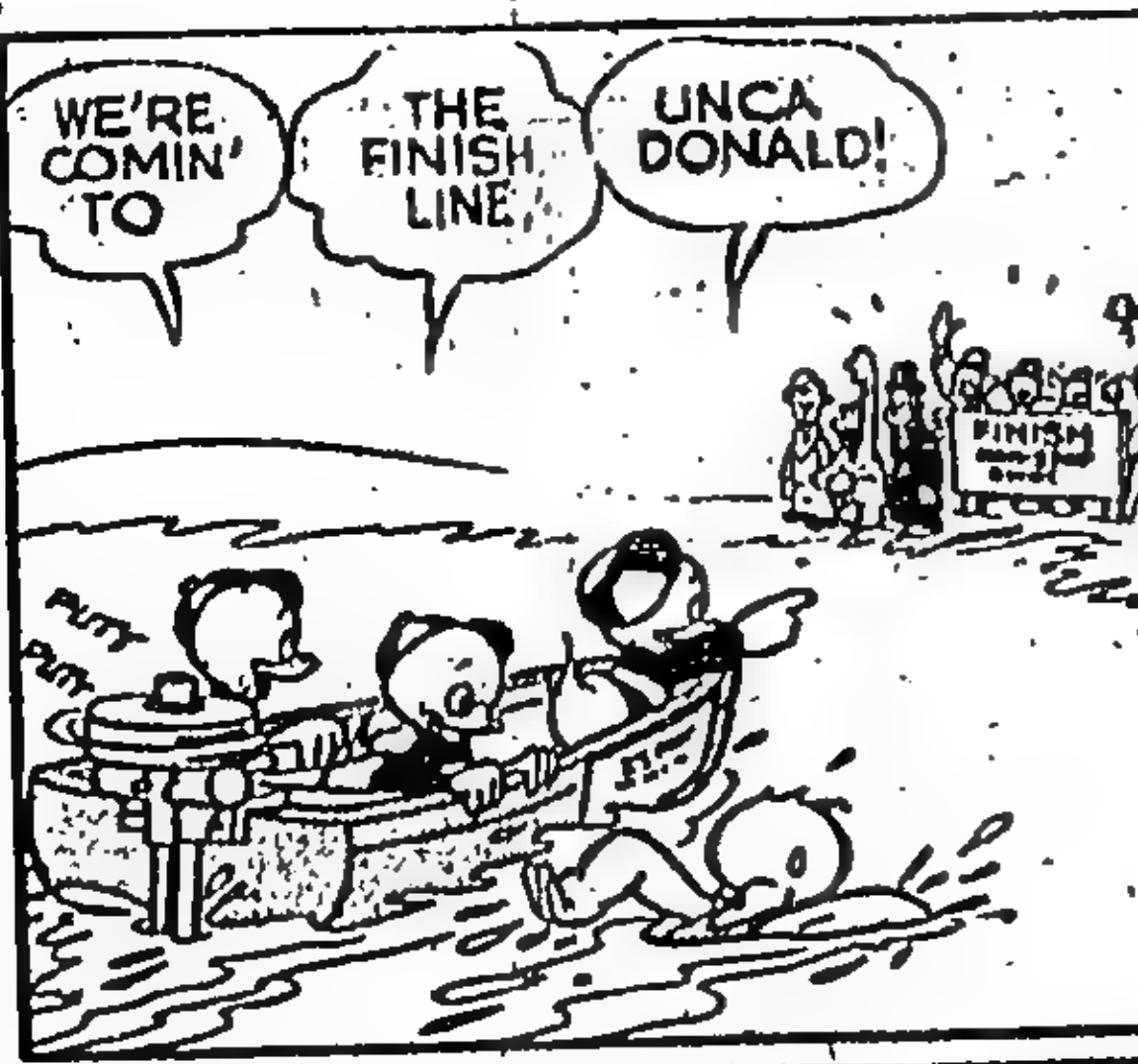
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RUTHLESS ATTACK ORDERED

7,000 Nazi Planes To Attack Belgium

PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—The German High Command has ordered its 6,000 or 7,000 planes on the Belgian front to attack ruthlessly both civil and military objectives, says a message from Brussels.

"Since yesterday," says the dispatch, "there have been numerous attacks on open cities and huge fires have been caused by bombs on Namur."

"Part of Liege has undergone intensive bombing for 12 hours."

Evacuees Pursued

"On the roads, motor cars carrying evacuees are pitilessly pursued. The Brussels banks this morning declared a moratorium on withdrawals."

"On Post Office accounts only 5,000 francs fortnightly can be withdrawn. Long queues are waiting before the Bank of England offices and the post offices but there is no sign of panic."

"Although the people are preparing to leave the capital at short notice, it is not through fear of danger as the population has shown remarkable courage since the invasion began."

"The Belgians prefer to risk great danger on the roads and railways rather than the horrors of German occupation."

Mass Raids On Britain Threatened

Frank Statement By Nazi Spokesman

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, May 15 (UP).—Germany has issued a frank warning that mass air operations will be launched against England in "the very near future."

A statement to this effect was issued by an authoritative source this morning.

The Nazi spokesman pointed out that the capitulation of the Netherlands would permit German air bases to be instantaneously moved to within 180 miles of the English coast.

In future raids, German bombers would be escorted by Messerschmitt fighters which would engage the R.A.F. pursuit planes while the bombers completed their task.

Belgium Calls Up More Men

BRUSSELS, May 14 (Reuter).—A wireless broadcast given to-day announced that all men between the ages of 16 and 35, who belong to the Recruiting Reserve, are to report for military service.

KING'S MOTHER ENDANGERED

Dramatic Episode In Belgian Village

PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—It is revealed here that detachments of German paratroopers descended at the Chateau Leaken, where Queen Elizabeth, King Leopold's mother, has been staying in the past few days.

The Germans were quickly mopped up.

The Queen's only comment was that it was an incident of no importance beside Belgium's trials.

Fine Effort For B.W.O.F.

Social Evening Arranged By Local Americans

Thanks to the enterprise of some of the American community in Hongkong, led by Mr. Wallace Harper and Mr. R. B. Landis, a highly successful social evening was held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Monday evening, as a result of which the B.W.O.F. is to benefit by close on \$800.

Messrs. Wallace Harper and Landis conceived the idea of organising a games social to include poker, bridge, mah jong, whist, etc., with portions of the winnings at the various tables to be devoted to the B.W.O.F.

Some 60 people attended the function, and the result was particularly gratifying, \$525 being raised from the effort. A further \$80 have been promised by people who were unable to be present.

During the evening, a box of cigars was auctioned by Mr. Landis. It realised \$10 and was then put up again, and finally sold for an additional \$9.

It is hoped to repeat the function in the near future.

NEW VOLUNTEER FORCE FORMED

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that a new force will be created, known as "Local Defence Volunteers."

The force will be voluntary and unpaid, and ages will be between 17 and 65 years. The volunteers will be armed and the force will be used mostly in small towns, villages and other sparsely populated areas.

France Calls Up More Reserves

PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-night by the Ministry of National Defence orders all soldiers released for farming work to rejoin their units immediately.

NAZI DRIVE STOPPED

In World's Greatest Tank Battle

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" PARIS, May 15 (UP).—The German drive on Brussels from Liege and the King Albert Canal has been halted in the greatest Mechanised Battle the world has ever known.

Two thousand tanks were engaged in the battle, which took place on a front extending from Tongres, Tirlionmont and north of Huy.

The battlefield is littered with the wrecks of tanks of both sides which have been put out of action.

The battle took place, a mile in front of the strong defensive positions which the Belgians had erected after their retreat from the King Albert Canal fortifications.

French reports claim that the German advance in the sector has been halted everywhere.

It is claimed that the French tank crews, as well as the tanks themselves, showed qualitative equality if not superiority over those of the enemy.

Dutch Queen Broadcasts Poignant Message To Her People

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—Queen Wilhelmina broadcast from here to-day to the Dutch people.

"As soon as it became certain that we and our Ministers could no longer freely direct our country in Holland," she said, "we decided, much against our desire, to transfer the seat of Government abroad."

"As soon as the situation permits we will return to Holland. The Government is now in England. Our Cause Will Prevail."

"Be assured that our cause will prevail. The Netherlands' High Command still makes all military decisions. The local Councils must do all they can judge 'necessary' in the public interest."

"My heart goes out to my compatriots in the Fatherland. With God's help we shall win. Remember the olden days. It will be so again. Do all you can to help our cause."

Proclamation

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—A proclamation to the Netherlands people has been issued by Queen Wilhelmina in London.

The proclamation states that the Dutch Government, which is now in England, is not prepared to capitulate and that therefore all territory of the Netherlands, which is in Dutch hands in Europe, and the East and West Indies forms a sovereign state able to keep its place as a full member of the community of states and to join in the deliberations of the Allies.

In those parts of the country where the usurper has established domination, the local civilian authorities must do all they can in the interests of the population for the maintenance of order.

"Remember the calamities which occurred in the past centuries, continues the Queen's proclamation, and the repeated resurrection of our country. That will take place again."

Queen To Return

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—Queen Wilhelmina will return to Holland as soon as possible. She spent to-day quietly at Buckingham Palace.

QUEEN'S P.C. TO HOUSEHOLDERS

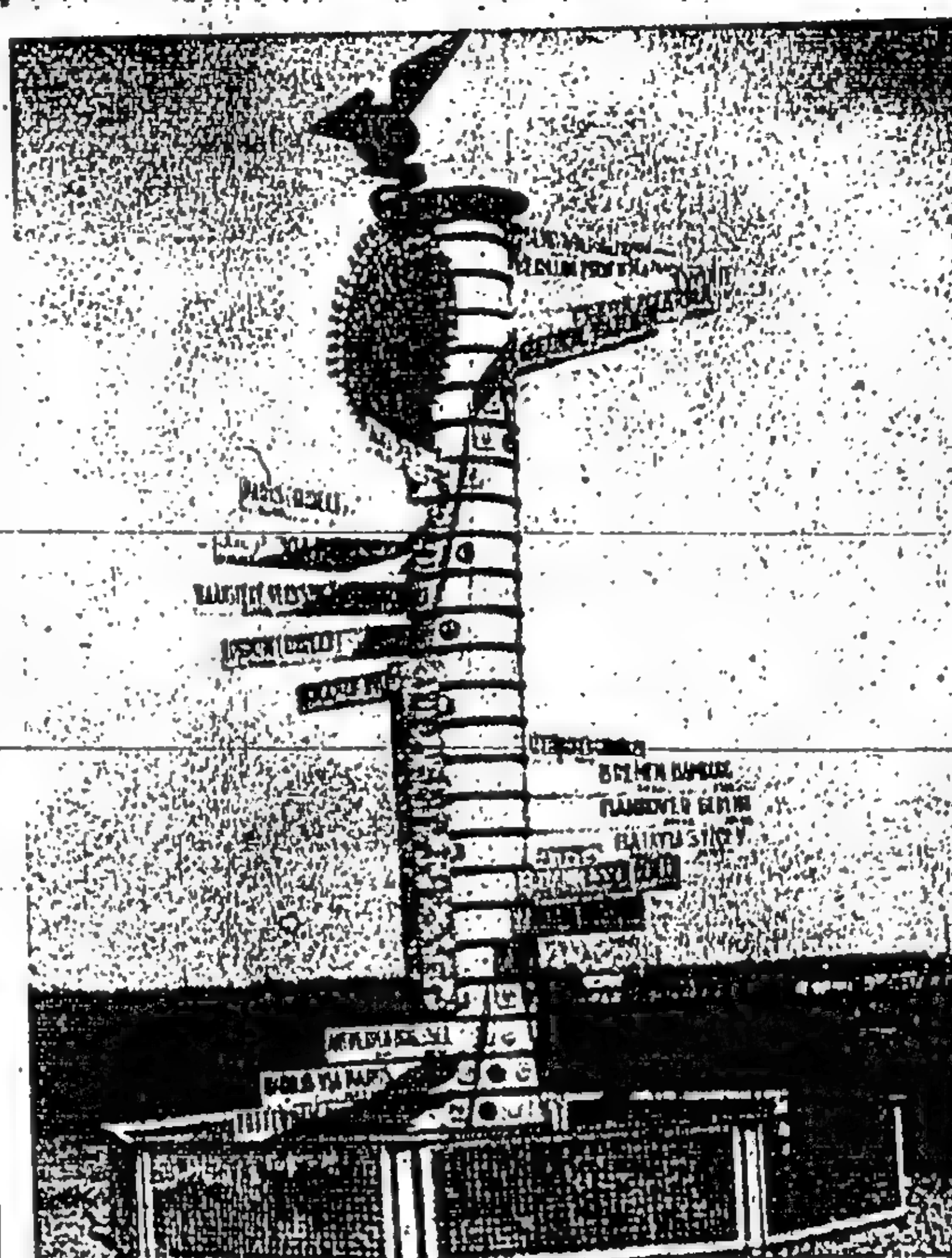
Thanks For Aid Given To Evacuees

LONDON, May 14 (British Wireless).—Her Majesty the Queen is sending a personal message by post on a specially-designed card to every household who cared for children, mothers and others moved in the early part of the war under the Government's evacuation scheme.

The total number of recipients is estimated at 320,000.

Unselfish Task. "I know that to this unselfish task you have sacrificed much of your own comfort," says the message, "and that could not have been so."

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The German boast that its new air bases in Holland will bring it to within 180 miles of England is borne out by this striking signpost at the Schiphol airport at Amsterdam. Paris is 200 miles, Essen 90 miles, Croydon (on the other side) 160 miles.

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Swiss Protest To Berlin

Makes Demand For Compensation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERNE, May 14 (UP).—The Swiss Minister to Berlin has been instructed to protest against the German bombing of Delemont, and to demand payment for damages.

In the meantime the Home Guard in all Swiss communities have been mobilised to combat the "Fifth Column" and to guard against possible parachute troops.

Railway Bombed

BASLE, May 14 (Reuter).—The Swiss Government has ordered its Minister in Berlin to protest to the German Government over the bombing of the Swiss railway near Delemont last week.

The Minister has been ordered to demand compensation for the damage.

The Swiss General Staff has formed a home guard of all the cities, towns and villages as a defence against "Fifth Columnists" or parachute troops.

hieved without the loyal co-operation of all in your household."

Queen Elizabeth says that she wishes to mark by this message her appreciation of the service they have rendered to the country.

ALLIES AND SPAIN

LONDON, May 14 (British Wireless).—It has come to the notice of His Majesty's Government that malicious reports are circulating to the effect that the Allies are preparing to take hostile action against Spanish possessions.

It should scarcely be necessary to emphasise the fact that these reports are mendacious and entirely without foundation.

As has already been stated in the House of Commons, His Majesty's Government intend to respect the strict neutrality of Spain so long as it is respected by others.

Evacuation Scheme

Reminder To Those Who Have Not Registered

The Postmaster General, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, issued a reminder yesterday regarding the scheme for evacuation of women and children from Hongkong in case of emergency. He said:

"It has come to my notice that in many cases women and children of British nationality who were registered in connection with the scheme before the outbreak of war, have since changed their place of residence without notification; and there is also reason to believe that many who have since then moved into the Colony have not yet registered themselves or their children."

It is considered desirable that the register should be kept up to date by routine notifications, in order that if an emergency arises, the authorities can be rendered more difficult by last-minute additions or alterations to the numbers for whom arrangements are to be made, and a routine revision of the register will be undertaken every six months.

All women and children, that is to say, boys under the age of 18 and girls of any age, should be registered for this purpose with the Postmaster General, G.P.O. Building, Hongkong. Particulars, which should be sent by post (no postage required), are:

Name in full, full postal address of residence, name, sex, and age of each child, and whether the person registering has been previously registered under another address than that now given. Any subsequent change of address should be notified early.

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31.49 metres (9,520 kilo-cycles) ZBW, 355 metres (845 k.c.) and Dvorak Symphony No. 5 "The New World"

Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a Frequency of 945 k.c., and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 5-11 p.m. on 0.52 m.c.s. per second.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Keith Falkner (Baritone) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Issy Bonn, Frances Day, Leslie Hutchinson and Others.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 A Programme of Latest Dance Music.

7.02 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.05 London Relay—"No Man's Time" Variety.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Songs by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).

8.15 Dvorak—Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 95 ("The New World"). The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

8.53 Two Songs from Opera by Luigi Forti (Tenor).

9.01 The Regimental Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Magazine Feature Programme No. 2.

Including recorded talk by an Australian journalist on a British Fighter squadron, by an Indian officer in the Indian Army, and by a Welsh traveler skipper whose ship was shelled and sunk by a U-boat.

9.45 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

10.00 Grand Variety Programme.

11.00 Close Down.

MOSCOW, May 14 (Reuter).—A Swedish trade delegation headed by the Minister of Supply, M. Erikson, landed at the Moscow airport this evening.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1—Eggs
2—Cultivated palm
3—Wedge-shaped
4—A.D. 14
5—That man
6—The sea
7—Now
8—Fossil
9—Consultation
10—Tip of foot
11—Years of life
12—Is appropriate
13—Man's name
14—Unusual
15—Tune away
16—Long day
17—"Frankenstein monster" of fiction
18—Batters
19—Antwerp
20—Sun god
21—Drove
22—Organizations
23—Pige
24—(Prov.)
25—Brown color
26—Island
27—Man's name
28—Southern state
29—Used container
30—Mistake
31—Embryo
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The Dutch East Indies

As yet the attention turned on the Netherlands East Indies is purely reflectory of the new situation created in Europe by the invasion of Holland. Nevertheless, the ardent enthusiasm of interested third Powers such as Japan, the United States, Britain and France in proclaiming their willingness to respect the status quo of the Pacific vis-a-vis the Netherlands East Indies indicates very clearly that more than ordinary importance is placed by international politicians to these strategic islands.

This vast collection of fertile islands, large and small, totals in its land space an area considerably larger than Burma. It is, moreover, so disposed that it lies across the shipping routes from Europe to the Far East and is of immense aid to the air routes to Australia and New Zealand. From the northernmost point of Sumatra to where Timor confronts Australia the length of the chain of islands is over 2,000 miles, and north of it lie Dutch Borneo, Celebes, and Dutch New Guinea.

Were the Dutch East Indies in hands hostile to Britain the Singapore base, which stands on a promontory that thrusts into the midst of them, would have enemy ports at its door. The Netherlands Government, urgent to avoid any semblance of departure from neutrality, has proclaimed the ability of the Dutch East Indies to take care of themselves and will countenance no offers of protection against any event. The validity of that claim will be much strengthened when the present plans mature.

The Netherlands Government, in the two and a half centuries in which she has ruled her Dutch Empire, has not neglected defence. The latest available returns show that she keeps normally in East Indian waters, with Sourabaya as their base, two light cruisers, eight destroyers, and twelve submarines; besides some minelayers, minesweepers, and motor-torpedo-boats, and to this little navy is attached a force of 72 seaplanes as well as smaller aircraft. Three 27,000-ton battle-cruisers are now to be added to it, and £6,000,000 spent on improving the base at Sourabaya. The Regular Army, entirely independent of that at home, consists of some 32,000 Europeans and natives with artillery of all calibres and a small Air Force.

Thus it can be seen that the Netherlands East Indies are well fortified against attack, and that any attempt against them by an unfriendly Power would most assuredly meet with disaster.



THE BEAST IN BELGIUM
 (George Whitelaw, whose cartoons appear exclusively in the "Telegraph" in Hongkong, re-draws a famous 1914 cartoon).

Can Hitler Invade Britain?

by Lt.-Col. C. B. COSTIN-NIAN, M.C.
The Noted Military Correspondent

London, May 1.
IT is reported that a volunteer corps of picked men is being formed in Germany. Their task is said to be sacrificial.

They are told that this special task will very likely be their last. They are to be very fit, daring, clever and enterprising. The size of the corps is considerable.

What can the task be? Visions of break invasions of all sorts of places flood the mind. Behind the Maginot? Even the Orkneys or Eire?

Or—might they even be considering an invasion of Britain?

Hitler has invaded Norway, a country separated from Germany by the sea. Hitler sneered at islands at the beginning of this war. But can he invade Britain, an island which has been immune from invasion for several hundred years?

To land troops on our shores has been the fondest wish of our enemies. But since 1900 we have always kept them too busy on the Continent to have troops or energies to spare for such a task.

WE destroyed Philip's Armada, and Napoleon's attempt shared much the same fate. He assembled both troops and the barges to carry them across from Boulogne.

But he needed to collect enough warships to protect the transports from the British Fleet. For this purpose he required France's Mediterranean Fleet in the Channel.

Nelson's victory at Trafalgar prevented this. When Napoleon heard of it he broke camp and marched east, into Germany.

Fleet could rapidly replace its losses. If it is highly unlikely that a force could get to our shores, it is still more improbable that it could land without devastating losses.

British troops could concentrate on the threatened area, and Gallipoli has shown the difficulties of landing troops under fire. But Germans landing on the east coast would also encounter, as our men in 1915 did not, severe action from the air.

THE landing of a large force, therefore, may be regarded as impracticable.

But even if we assume that the Germans have landed safely, there still remains the problem of supplying them with food and ammunition.

This could only be done by sea, in adequate quantities, if England were completely exhausted, her Navy driven out of the sea, her Air Force out of the air. Invasion by sea from Germany was dismissed as a remote

danger before 1914. When the Germans had a formidable navy. To-day it can be ruled out.

Of course, if the Germans broke through Belgium and seized the Channel ports the position would be rather different. Hence the necessity of our maintaining a sufficient force in France to prevent this.

But even then invasion by sea would be a very difficult operation.

But if we need not lie awake at night for fear of invasion by sea, what of the new danger of invasion from the air?

How many men could "come that way"?

If Germany had 5,000 planes capable of carrying thirty men each, with military equipment, that would mean they could bring 150,000 men.

That sounds easy.

But it all takes for granted the fact that neither our fighter air-craft nor our anti-aircraft batteries offer serious resistance to the enemy be-

fore they land from the air; and it also assumes that our troops leave them entirely free to concentrate and move where they will when they have landed.

These are pretty large assumptions—and in any case I do not believe that Germany has got, or ever will have, anywhere near 5,000 planes of this size.

AND again, there is the question of supply. When you consider the huge quantities of fuel, ammunition and food that a modern army consumes, its supply by the air becomes out of the question.

A corps of two divisions consumes 1,600 gallons of petrol to move twenty-five miles. How are air-planes to carry supplies in such quantities? Would they try to seize our petrol reserves?

Britain still has control of the seas. So long as she retains this, she is in no fear of invasion.

"Suicide squads" dropped by parachute to sabotage our industry and spread panic are another matter. They might conceivably inflict much damage to ourselves, and to the

where, we would never allow ourselves to strip these islands of sufficient protection to give parachutists a clear field.

SWEDEN IS ANXIOUS

These Are Sweden's Chief Newspapers

NAME	CIRCULATION	POLITICS
Stockholms Tidningen	150,800 (morning)	Liberal.
Stockholms Dagblad	136,000 (morning)	Liberal.
Dagens Nyheter	86,400 (morning)	Conservative.
Svenska Dagbladet	62,500 (evening)	Liberal.
Aftonbladet	61,700 (evening)	Conservative.
Nya Dagligt Allehanda	40,000 (morning)	Liberal.
Svenska Morgonbladet	37,300 (morning)	Labour.
Social-Demokraten		

WHILE fully realising the possible complications arising as a result of the adoption of such a policy, Sweden's sympathies, like those of the rest of the civilised world, are wholeheartedly for Norway in the latter's life and death struggle.

Sweden's position—particularly deserves the fullest sympathy as the disastrous consequences to herself of being completely surrounded by the Nazis are fully realised.

Sweden acknowledged and admired throughout civilisation for her historical peaceful career, the soundness of her industry, the welfare of her workers, her financial stability and friendliness with all nations, is now faced with perhaps the most difficult problem in her entire history. It is generally accepted that Sweden is on the list as victim, and as she does not wish to offend the Allies, Sweden's position may well be claimed as being between the devil and the deep sea.

It is not questioned that Sweden has so far fully observed neutral

policy and done nothing to give grounds for accusations. The possibility of being drawn compulsorily into unwanted participation, however, is not overlooked, and everything possible is being done to ensure protection of Sweden's integrity and security.

In considering Swedish sympathy for the Norwegians it must be remembered that a considerable proportion of the Norwegians are Swedish descendants and Finn culture is built up on the Swedish model.

Should the entire north become the aim for a Nazi plot of aggression the Northics cannot possibly be blamed for looking to the Western democracies for assistance, as the latter plus America must now or never support democracy against slavery. Sweden's model factories, rich fields and agricultural development must prove an enticing prize in the eyes of autocratic rulers whose disastrous policy has converted their countries into armed, unstable, unsound States.

The difficulties facing the Swedes were clearly shown when the German paper "Berliner Börsen Zeitung"

recently issued sharp warning to Stockholm.

The general feeling and sympathies are being clearly evinced in the local Press in the form of small insertions and slogans emphasising the imperative necessity of watchfulness, preparedness, the strengthening of defensive measures, reticence in citizens' public conversations, and also in the wholesale daily Press advertisements calling for the accordance of the fullest support for their gallant little neighbours' heroic struggle against barbarism and despotism.

The greatest interest has been evinced and approbation expressed with all the news concerning Allied assistance for Norway, as it is fully recognised that Scandinavia's future may depend on the outcome of the present struggle. It is not doubted that the existing difficult situation and the Westerners' reaction towards the same may well mean the turning-point in European history and decide whether future generations shall live in freedom or slavery. The whole of Scandinavia is now anxiously awaiting developments.

The only forms of assistance at present being asked for and supplied in Sweden are medications, hospital personnel, clothes for refugees, and ambulances, which are all being liberally donated.

The newspapers' recurring appeal resulted in a spontaneous universal response in all classes, with Labour predominating.

Sweden, and, it is hoped, other countries, fully realise the danger to the entire world's economic structure, particularly in the timber and timber by-products trade, which would result from the Nazis ever gaining footing here.

ITALIAN ENTRY
BELIEVED NEAR

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possibility of Italy entering the war. Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, stated ten days ago that no consideration was being given at the State Department to the issue of such a warning.

Alexandria Precautions

CAIRO, May 14 (Reuters).—Civil inhabitants of frontier towns in the western desert are being evacuated where necessary.

The military governor has ordered reservists of the Army and Navy now on the retired list to hold themselves in readiness for instant recall.

The leading Italian bank in Alexandria has paid its employees two months' salary in advance.

Reinforcement of the fleet at Alexandria by British and French warships continues.

Won't Accept Sterling

LONDON, May 14 (UP).—The Italian authorities have instructed Italian banks in London not to accept Sterling for tourist bills.

U.S. dollars may still be exchanged for Lira.

Paper Bombs

ROME, May 14 (Reuters).—"We are in sight of that decisive, historical phase which will fix the fate and fortunes of our country for future centuries," says the "Popolo d'Italia," the newspaper founded by Signor Mussolini.

"The usual band of pacifists, fat, rich, self-seeking and perverted friends of the democracies, are attempting to launch a campaign to unsettle the Fascist conscience."

"To-day nobody can pretend to be ignorant of the precise directives of Fascist Italy in the European conflict. Those who continue to profess ignorance will be treated as the enemy, of whom they are potential accomplices."

Allied Consideration

PARIS, May 15 (UP).—The Italian attacks on the Allied blockade policy prompted the French Ministry of Information to-day to publish a statement stressing the fact that the Allies have always shown the greatest consideration for Italian interests in applying the blockade.

Clear Out, Advice To

WASHINGTON, May 14 (UP).—Mr. Cordell Hull to-day indicated that American nationals in Italy had been advised to leave at their earliest convenience.

He said that he believed the American Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, was issuing a notice to this effect forthwith, although he had not advised the State Department specifically.

However, the general situation in Italy, said Mr. Hull, indicated the probability that such advice has already been issued.

Briton Insulted

ROME, May 14 (Reuters).—Lord Hardwicke, a friend of Bruno Mussolini, had his face slapped last night at a cabaret show because he threw an anti-British poster off his table.

He was then detained for a couple of hours in a police station on the ground that his papers were not in order.

Students Demonstrate

Anti-Allied student demonstrations were also held in various provincial towns, including Milan, where the Prefect appeared on the balcony of the Prefecture and acknowledged the cheers of the demonstrators, and at Naples where thousands of students with Italian and German flags and pictures of the King and Duke marched to the Palace of the Crown Prince cheering the House of Savoy and King Victor Emmanuel.

The demonstrators later sang patriotic songs outside the offices of the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy.

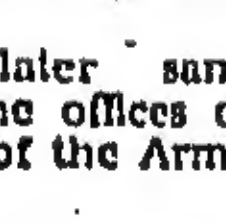
HOME RACING PLANS

London, May 14.

The Jockey Club and National Hunt Committee announce that racing will be resumed in Manchester and Lanark on May 18.—Reuters.

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NAZI VANGUARD

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Ardennes and Meuse sectors in an effort to outflank the left wing of the Maginot Line.

Drive Into France

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—BERLIN, May 14 (UP).—The German High Command claims that Nazi forces to-day, carried out a drive into France in an effort to break through the Allied defences and to flank the Maginot Line.

It is claimed that the line between Liege and Namur has been passed and that attacking forces have reached the River Meuse between Namur and Givet.

If this is true, it means that the Nazis are in position to threaten the extended portion of the Maginot Line which runs along the southern and southeastern Belgium border.

The same German communiqué stated that the invaders have crossed the Meuse on to French soil under the protection of ceaseless German air attacks.

It is claimed that the breach in the Grebbe Line, southeast of Amsterdam has been widened, this being apparently another flanking attack, and that further territory has been won in the direction of Utrecht.

Nazi Advances Confirmed

Mr. J. Alex Morris, "United Press" Foreign Editor, in his summary of the cables sent from Europe to New York to-day, confirms that the German army has smashed through to the Grebbe Line.

Hisler's motorised legions have sliced through Holland and to the sea, and have broken through the Belgian main defence line and reached Sedan in France.

A gigantic test of the strength—the battle of the River Meuse—may decide the war in the Low Countries.

The Germans claim that their armies and air force everywhere are making lightning progress, well ahead of schedule in the drive designed to seize Dutch and Belgian bases for a "blitzkrieg" attack on England, and possibly an assault on the Maginot Line.

Despatches from Allied sources confirm much of the success claimed by the German High Command.

History's Greatest Battle

However, these reports added that thousands of aeroplanes and tanks are engaged, but the conflict has spread so widely, and the German thrusts have been so rapid that accurate estimates are at present impossible.

In swift succession the Germans have claimed to have broken through the "fortress" of Holland and the interior fortified defence area, slashed a path through to Rozendael near the southwestern Dutch coast between Rotterdam and Antwerp, and to have advanced to Rotterdam and the Utrecht area.

It is also claimed that the Germans have broken through the Belgian defence line and forced the Belgians into retreat in a westerly direction.

Brussels, Antwerp in Danger
If this is correct, both Brussels and Antwerp are threatened; however, the German positions are by no means clear.

The Nazis also boast that they have broken through the combined Belgian and French defences south and west of the fortified city of Liege, and to have driven across the Meuse in the Dinant area to strike at France.

Paris reports state that a great battle between mechanised forces is raging around Sedan in the northwest France in the Ardennes sector, and that the Germans suffered tremendous loss of life in their advance across the Meuse towards the Maginot Line defences which are behind the river.

London Admission
LONDON, May 14 (Reuters).—The Germans have made rapid progress with a large force and armoured columns in the Ardennes region in Belgium.

They have been opposed by French cavalry and Belgian Chasseurs but, late yesterday afternoon, the German advance guards reached the Meuse at a number of points.

Further German forces continued to arrive throughout the night and they have probably now reached the river at all crossing points.

The German drive in the region of Sedan in this region is towards Sedan. Most of their armoured units have been directed towards Sedan.

These met the French advance units yesterday near Sedan and there was an extremely sharp engagement. The German units were backed by low flying aircraft and artillery.

The secondary German drive is being made towards Dinant.

French Communiqué
PARIS, May 14 (Reuters).—To-day's communiqué says: "In Belgium north of the Meuse we continued our advance movements and our organisation according to plan."

"The enemy has attacked our actual front at two points. He was repulsed with heavy loss to his tanks."

"On the Meuse, south of Namur, the Germans attempted to cross the river at several points. We launched counter-attacks and fighting continued, more especially in the region of Sedan where the enemy is making a momentous effort with furious obstinacy at the expense of heavy casualties."

"German local attacks in the region of the Moselle were repulsed with losses."

"Our aviation powerfully and efficiently intervened in the battle. Moreover many aerial reconnaissance were made during the night of May 13."

"Bombing expeditions have been successfully carried out on strategic points and on military convoys."

"During these aerial encounters, 15 enemy planes have been brought down in our territory."

Battle of Meuse is On
PARIS, May 14 (Reuters).—The Germans are steadily battering at the whole of the 250 mile front.

The most important part of the front, according to well-informed military circles, is the Ardennes region in Belgium and the line of the Meuse.

The great battle of the Meuse can be said to have begun yesterday evening.

To-day will probably see the advance guard of the massive German forces attempt to cross the Meuse.

The situation in Holland is described as extremely grave.

The Germans have advanced in the Arnhem region and are pushing fiercely towards Rotterdam where they may be joined by the troops who are holding out there.

BIG NAZI DRIVE

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Longwy and in the Moselle sector further south have completely halted all German thrusts in these areas.

Longwy, an important steel mill centre, is under direct bombardment. Heavy German attacks have also been broken in Forbach and Wissembourg.

Great Tank Battle
French motorised units are already engaged in the great tank battle in central Belgium, two thousand tanks being involved in what was the first all-mechanized battle in history.

The French claim to be holding the German advance in this sector at Turenmont, Tongres and north of Nuy.

The Germans apparently hope to turn the left wing of the Maginot Line by breaking across the Meuse between Namur and Givet, where a salient extends tongue-like into Belgium.

Triple Movement
In order to attain this end the Germans will have to carry out a triple movement:

1.—Strong columns will probably attempt to drive westwards across the Meuse River between the Namur fortifications and Givet.

2.—The Germans in the north will attempt to contact the columns now operating around Sedan, in order to reach the confluence of the Meuse and Chiers rivers.

3.—Columns will probably move southwards in the direction of Montmedy and Convoiy.

The Germans are already in possession of the east bank of the Meuse at several points between Liege, Namur and Dinant and heavy reinforcements, which French military intelligence reported to be moving up through Luxembourg probably reached the river last night.

Earlier fighting is reported to be in progress near Dinant.

Sedan Situation
At Sedan the French forces have retired to the southern bank of the Meuse, where the French lines are completely protected by heavy guns of the Maginot Line.

Although most maps show Sedan as being inside the Maginot Line, it is emphasised that the Germans have at no point along the entire French frontier pierced the strong French fortification system.

Sedan is actually on the northern bank of the Meuse River and at this point the Maginot Line extends along the southern bank.

Sedan Occupied
Sedan has, it is admitted, been occupied by the Germans, but the French retreated across the Meuse even before the Germans arrived in order to blow up the entire French frontier pierced the strong French fortification system.

Sedan is just inside the French frontier from Belgium and is five miles north of the Maginot fortifications. The city has no military significance in the present battle.

down in our territory."

Courageous Dutch Resistance
The Dutch are still resisting strongly with splendid courage.

The most reassuring factor is that the bulk of the British and French forces are continuing to take their positions north of central Belgium without being appreciably disturbed by the enemy.

Fighting continues east of the line on which the Allied Command intends to give battle.

All day yesterday a great battle was waged between French and German armoured columns.

Liege is still holding out. The great battle in that region has not yet commenced.

Belgians Resisting
BRUSSELS, May 14 (Reuters).—Many local engagements at various points were announced by the Belgian High Command in a communiqué issued at noon to-day.

The Belgian troops, said the communiqué, were resisting the pressure of enemy forces.

During the night, advance Belgian troops retired.

In central Belgium, the French mechanised units inflicted heavy losses on German mechanised columns south east of Turenmont and St. Trond.

Despite enemy claims it was by no means clear whether or not the defences of Liege had fallen.

Allies Link Up
The Allied troops had not been successfully hampered from taking up positions in north and central Belgium.

The strong resistance put up by the Belgians when they took the first shock of the invasion had enabled the Allied forces to join up without difficulty.

Reinforcements of men and material were arriving steadily, concluded the communiqué.

DRAMATIC STORY

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here and there. Occasionally they dared to venture out.

Reaction of Fear
He was in Leyden Square, when four German bombers came over. The streets cleared quickly. It was not panic exactly but just the first reaction of fear.

Immediately after the planes had passed, they all came out, got onto their bicycles and rode on. The people of Leyden who were in the streets took their lives in their hands, for machine-gun bullets flew all over the streets.

He himself nearly got killed by one.

Near Leyden is a copse called the Wood of Leyden, which was a favourite walk. Three kilometers away was a factory which was being shelled from the wood.

The factory was being shelled from the wood. Howling shells passed right over the house which the South African and his fellows lived.

Once a German parachute soldier landed only 100 yards away. There was a fierce skirmish and he was "destroyed".

At last came instructions, the Hilversum station telling all British subjects to report personally to the British Consulate as soon as possible. They left Leyden next day, taking side roads because the main highway was being bombed.

War And Peace
On one hand they saw lovely bulb fields all aglow with colour. On another road were the burnt bomb craters.

Amsterdam had four air raid warnings when they got there. On each occasion they had to leave their taxi to take shelter.

At a certain port they were put on a British cargo-boat. They slept on a stowage in the hold, passing a nerve-racking night.

The cook had only rations for the crew but the good humour he displayed when people asked for water and tea was amazing. At last they arrived in England, spending the night in comfort and security for the first time in four days.

DUTCH YIELD ARMS

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lition and, at the same time, aid the Belgians by covering their rear against a German deployment along the coast.

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Consul's Comment
Mr. D. C. E. Middelburg, Acting Consul-General for the Netherlands in Hongkong, told a "Hongkong Telegraph" representative this morning that he had not yet received official information from Holland or the Netherlands East Indies concerning the latest developments in Holland, but he gave a timely outline of the position as it affects the whole Netherlands Kingdom.

"The capitulation in Holland will not change the position of the Kingdom of the Netherlands overseas," he declared. "This Kingdom comprises the Netherlands Indies, Surinam (Netherlands Guyana), and Curaçao in the West Indies, where the Governor-General and the Government will continue their administration as usual."

"The peculiar position is that those sections of the Netherlands Kingdom outside Holland have not the status of colonies; so that if a certain part of the Netherlands in Europe is occupied by the enemy the condition has no legal consequence in the remaining unoccupied parts of the Kingdom."

Mr. Middelburg made special reference to the Netherlands Indies, which, with its population of 20,000,000, 900,000 Netherlands subjects as against Holland's 2,000,000 was, he said, very important territory. "Germany cannot, by reason of her success in Holland, claim possession of the Dutch Indies," he asserted. "Nor can she claim the release of German ships at present held there."

Asked whether Lt.-Gen. Winkelman, Commander-in-Chief of the Netherlands Army, could negotiate a peace with Germany, Mr. Middelburg said: "No. He is the Military Leader in Europe, but he cannot bind the whole Kingdom. That is a matter for the Netherlands Government."

Mr. Middelburg disclosed that on May 11 the Government of the Dutch East Indies had initiated exchange regulations, tending to safeguard the Java Gulder. He had also received instructions to stop German balances held in Netherlands banks, but this instruction was of little consequence in Hongkong where Britain had already stopped German credits.

Piquant Situation
The German offensive against Holland has placed Mr. Middelburg in a truly piquant situation.

Since September Mr. Middelburg, instructed by his Government, has been in charge of German Consular interests in Hongkong. In this position he has received a host of inquiries from Germans concerning property which they formerly held in the Colony and has faithfully watched their interests.

"What will come to me," he said this morning, "but now I merely open them and file them. Holland, as a neutral, undertook to watch German interests; now, far from being neutral, she is hostile to Germany. I am waiting for some neutral government to take over."

Mr. Middelburg concluded: "I felicitate myself that my country is now aligned with the Allies. Until now we have been unable to co-operate in the work for the British War Organisation Fund. Now we are able to do so and it is a token of our satisfaction that my wife has already gone to a working party this morning."

POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel Mails are closed at 8 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

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Shanghai and Amoy May 17.
Straits and Manila May 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 18th April), May 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 23rd April), May 17.
Shanghai May 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date 11th May.

Japan May 19.
Shanghai and Amoy May 19.
Haiphong and Hoihow May 20.
Manila May 20.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 14th May May 21.

OUTWARD MAILS

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U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada only).
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Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service".
K.F.O.
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Amoy 7 p.m.
Straits 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

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Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only).
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Parcels May 16, 4 p.m.
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Ord. May 16, 5:30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Parcels May 16, 4 p.m.
Reg. May 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 16, 7 p.m.

Fort Bayard and Hoihow 7 p.m.
Straits 7 p.m.

Friday, May 17

Parcels only for Tientsin Noon.
Shanghai 12:30 p.m.
Shanghai 2:30 p.m.
U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada).
K.F.O. & G.P.O.
Parcels May 17, 5 p.m.
Reg. May 17, 5:15 a.m.
Ord. May 18, 10 a.m.

Saturday, May 18

Canton 7:15 a.m.
Dairen and Parcels only for Tientsin 8:30 a.m.

Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin 1:00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles and London Parcels.
G.P.O. & K.F.O.
Parcels May 18, 3 p.m.
Reg. May 18, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 18, 5:30 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service".
G.P.O. & K.F.O.
Reg. May 18, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 18, 5:30 p.m.

Shanghai 5:30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa 8:30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow Noon.
Parcels only for Haiphong Noon.
Shanghai 12:30 p.m.
Amoy 2 p.m.
Canton 7 p.m.

NEW PIRATE OUTRAGE

Another outrage by Chinese pirates occurred near Sam Man-kwai, Chinese waters, last Saturday, when four members of a junk's crew were killed, another man wounded in the chest and a sixth is reported to be missing, presumed drowned.

Chai Fung, 31, partner of trading junk No. T-293 II, reports that about 4 a.m. on May 11, while his junk approached Sam Man-kwai, a fishing junk approached them and fired over 100 rounds.

Four members of the junk's crew were killed on the spot by the rifle fire, while a fifth was injured by a bullet splinter and is now receiving treatment at the Kowloon Hospital.

Chan Fat-to, brother of the complainant, is alleged to have jumped into the water and has not been seen since.

Manhattan

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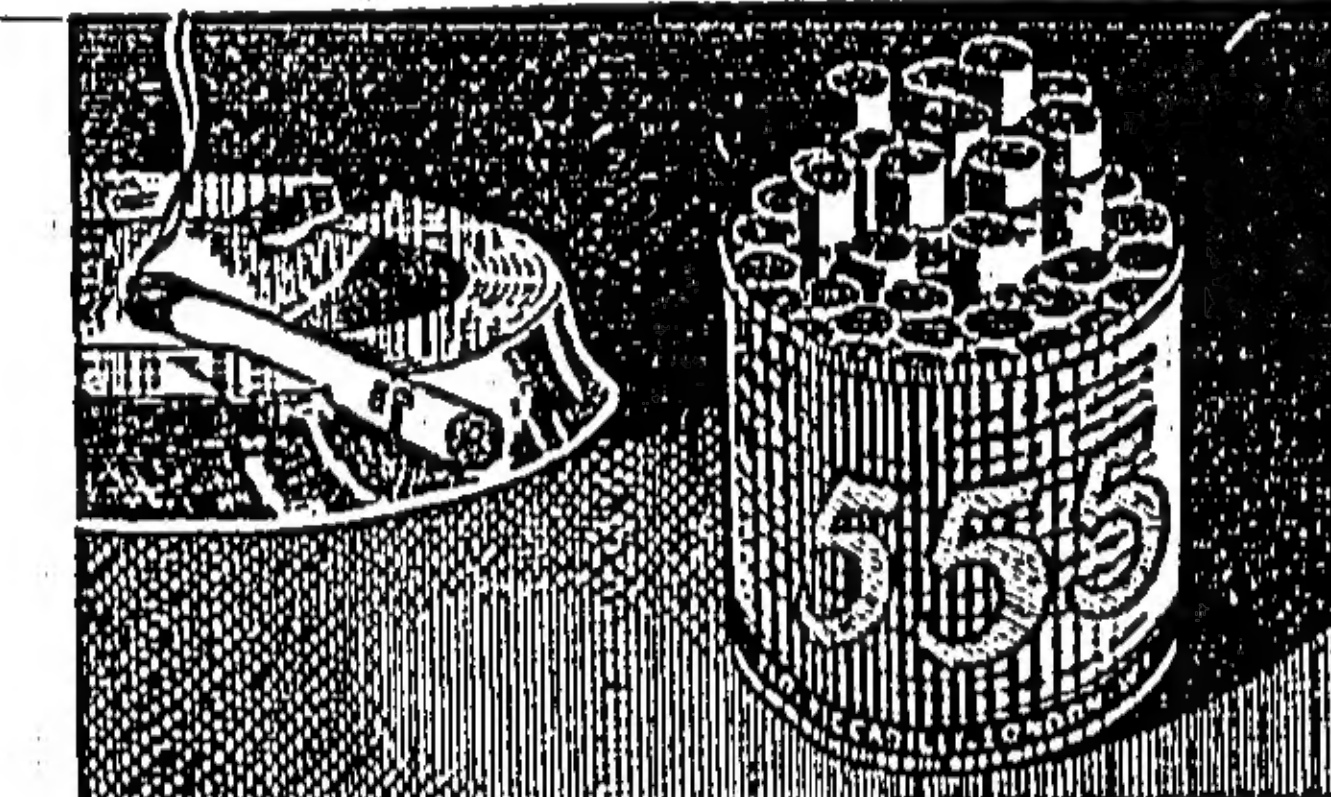
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Around The Courses

NEW AMERICAN CHAMPION?

27-YEAR-OLD BEN HOGAN FLASHES TO THE FORE

Evading The Heat Of Hongkong's Summer

(By "Birdie")

LATEST STAR among American golfers, whose brilliance, temporarily, at least, eclipses that of Jimmy Demaret, is 27-year-old Ben Hogan, a professional from Texas. Neither of these young players are listed in the Golfer's Handbook—Demaret is the product of the past couple of years, while Hogan won the first major American tournament only just over a month ago.

That tournament was the North-South championship at Pinehurst on March 22 (with 277—an 11-under-par record for the 72 holes). Exactly one week later he walked off with the Greensboro Open (with a record score of 270), and on April 1 he collected first prize in the "Land of the Sky" Open with a score of 273.

Only statistics will do credit to this young champion. His scoring streak is sensational in the annals of the Professional Golfers Association of America.

(1) He won three big tournaments in less than two weeks, and accumulated \$3,400 therefrom.

(2) He moved to first place among the money winners having \$6,438 to Demaret's \$6,152.

(3) He completed 12 rounds, or 216 holes, of golf in 34 strokes under par.

(4) He broke par on 11 of his 12 rounds, and bettered 70 on ten of these 12 occasions.

(5) He played those 216 holes with only two three-putts greens.

His actual scores for those 12 rounds were 68-67-74-70 (North-South championship), 69-68-68-67 (Greensboro Open), and 67-68-69-69 ("Land of the Sky" Open).

And his opponents included Sam Snead, Gene Sarazen, Ralph Guldahl, Byron Nelson, Lawson Little, Lloyd Mangrum, Harold McGspeden, Craig Wood, Paul Runyan among many others.

Well may one wonder at such phenomenal form. On March 21 he had yet to win his first major title, and on April 1 he was ahead of the field of professional golfers. Ralph Guldahl, twice National Open champion, opined that he had never seen a similar exhibition.

In his twelve days of great golf, Hogan was a devastating wonder with his iron. Here and again he approached within two feet of the pin—and on several occasions only a turn or two separated his ball from "birdies".

His previous best performance was in the Texas Open at San Antonio—here he had three 68's and a 73 over the par-71 course. But even then could do no better than tie with Byron Nelson for first place, who won in the play-off.

YET Gene Sarazen thinks that golfers in the United States today are not daring enough. It was Hogan's daring that carried him through. At every hole of those rounds, it is reported, he went for the hole, no matter what the lie. And if anyone thinks that Hogan is one of those big he-men with shoulders as wide as a door, let me say that he is of slim medium height—and only weighs 139 pounds!

In the Greensboro Open he played with Guldahl and Craig Wood, and out-drove them at nearly every hole.

MAIN problem in Hongkong at the moment, and probably will be until the next winter, is the evading of the heat. Players had a real grilling on the course last week-end, and there must be several at the moment whose long trousers are irksome at the knees.

Gene Sarazen, as he looked over the snow-swept course at Greensboro in March, recalled a Ryder Cup match he had played in Leeds. "We played through hail and snow, but those British they'd never postpone a game." I wonder what could have been the case had they had a bit of our sun over there.

The only solution that seems offered here is to play in the evening. From four o'clock onwards the sun has lost its "bite", and considering that it remains light enough to see up till 7 o'clock, there is ample time for 18 holes.

Last summer I tried playing in the morning, spending the remainder of the day on the beach, but even by 9 o'clock the sun was strong, and what was worse, was increasing in strength. The afternoon appears to be the only solution.

THOUGH, as is to be expected, golf news now comes mainly from America. Henry Cotton and his fellow-professionals keep the Home fires burning with matches in aid of the British Red Cross. He travelled to Ayrshire on March 30 to play with Hamilton Melnally, Scottish amateur champion, against Hector Thomson, former British amateur champion, and Jack McLean. Cotton and his partner won by one hole over 36, and £300 was raised.

His other win was with W. Laidlaw (West Herts) over W. J. Cox (Wimbledon Park) and E. W. H. Kenyon (Beaconsfield) by 2 and 1 on the West Herts course. Laidlaw, in the R.A.F., and Cox, a wartime "bobby", were in excellent form. The former's splendid putting gave him and Cotton a two holes lead at the turn, and only two holes changed hands during the afternoon. A half left Cotton and Laidlaw dormie two, and they might have lost the 17th only Cox failed to sink a four-foot putt.

FILIPINO ATHLETES

Arrive In Hongkong On Way To Japan

A party of Filipino athletes arrived in Hongkong this morning and will be seen in action this afternoon at the Kowloon C.C. The party, comprising three tennis players, nine track and field stars, five boxers and 11 basketball players, represents the first part of a delegation which is being sent to Japan by the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation.

Mr. L. R. Idefonso, local representative of the P.A.A.F., has arranged for them to have a "work-out" at the K.C.C. to-day.

The three tennis players are Amado Sanchez, Felisimo Ampon (already well-known in Hongkong) and Carmona, another ranking player of the Islands. They are under the watchful eye of Dr. Day, who is the official coach of the team.

The nine track-and-field stars are coached by Mr. Simeon Toribio. It is hoped that another work-out will be arranged for them to-morrow. Mr. Idefonso hopes to be able to obtain the use of the South China A. A. stadium at Caroline Hill.

Home Soccer Results

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—The following were the results of Home soccer matches played to-day:

English		
MIDLAND		
West Brom.	2	Walsall 3
Scottish		
EASTERN		
St. Bernards	1	Dunfermline 3

League Rugger

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—Bradford beat York by 34 points to 13 to-day in a Rugby League match.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT EMPIRE XI BY INNINGS AND 108

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—In a three-day cricket match played at Cambridge, the University XI beat a British Empire XI by an innings and 108 runs. The scores were: Empire XI—159 (Webster 5 for 58), and 251 (N. W. D. Yardley 138, Bashford 6 for 30).

Cambridge—518 for 5 dec. (Thompson 100, Bridger 145 not out, Conrad 104).

Electric R.C. Bowls Rinks

The following rinks have been selected to represent the Hongkong Electric Recreation Club in a Third Division lawn bowls match against the Indian R.C. on Saturday at Soekopoo.

A. G. Gardner, R. F. Gregory, H. S. McKay and A. F. Paul.
A. P. Tarbuck, R. A. Owens, S. Deacon and J. K. Sloan.
W. E. Baker, C. E. Gahagan, G. T. Padgett and G. S. Thomson.

Referees' Whist Drive

The 4th monthly whist drive of the Hongkong Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Friday at 8.30 p.m.

Tickets, \$1 each, can be obtained from Mr. Dove (Treasurer), any football referee or at the door.

P. I. Athletic Team Leave For Tokyo

Manila, May 13. The Philippines' representatives for tennis, basketball and other games left for Tokyo to-day to attend the East Asia Athletic Meeting to be held shortly.—Domei.



Blasting his way to fame, Ben Hogan, professional at the Century Club, N.Y., blasting his way from a sand trap. He now leads the professional golfers of America following two weeks of brilliant golf.

League Tennis Begins With Five Matches In "B" Division

THE 1940 LEAGUE tennis season opened yesterday with five matches in the "B" Division. Kowloon Tong, the Kowloon C.C., South China, the Chinese R.C. and Craigen-gower were successful. The scores were:

KOWLOON TONG V. RECREIO

Kowloon Tong beat Recreio 6-1-15. F. Kwok and Lam Kwan beat A. M. Rodriguez and B. T. Gosano 6-2; beat A. Carvallo and F. J. Remedios 6-1; drew with M. A. Oliveira and W. A. Reed 6-6.

T. E. Lee and B. Yu beat Rodriguez and Gosano 6-2; beat Carvallo and Remedios 6-2; lost to Oliveira and Reed 3-6.

H. Lim and P. Fletcher beat Rodriguez and Gosano 6-4; beat Carvallo and Remedios 6-2; lost to Oliveira and Reed 1-6.

KOWLOON V. CIVIL SERVICE

Kowloon beat Civil Service 6-1-15. F. Grose and D. J. N. Anderson beat I. and B. Agastoni 6-2; beat J. A. Bendall and W. J. Skinner 6-1; beat B. Hollidge and W. Wardle 6-0.

N.A.E. Mackay and R. T. Broadbridge drew with Agastoni 6-6; beat Bendall and Skinner 6-2.

G. A. White and R. S. Capell lost to Agastoni 3-6; lost to Hollidge and Wardle 6-3.

CLUB V. SOUTH CHINA

Club lost to South China 3-6. A. H. Barwell and J. J. Ferguson lost to H. Dew and K. H. Ip 4-6; beat H. K. Ho and L. K. Ma 6-2; lost to W. T. Lee and W. H. Ho 4-6.

E. Bahrnt and W. H. Jowitt lost to Dew and Ip 1-6; lost to Ho and Ma 1-6; lost to Lee and Ho 4-6.

T. J. Gould and T. C. Monaghan beat Dew and Ip 6-3; beat Ho and Ma 7-5; lost to Lee and Ho 2-6.

CHINESE R.C. V. ARMY

Chinese R.C. beat Army 7-2. F. C. Yu and D. C. Luk beat Newham and Lee 6-4; drew with Smith and Hyde 6-6; beat Webb and Whikes 6-1.

K. C. Ng and P. Y. Choy beat Newham and Lee 6-3; drew with Smith and Hyde 6-6; beat Webb and Whikes 6-1.

G. L. Pang and C. C. Lu beat Newham and Lee 6-4; lost to Smith and Hyde 4-6; beat Webb and Whikes 6-4.

INDIANS V. CRAIGEN-GOWER

Indians lost to Craigen-gower 3-6-15. A. R. Kitchell and O. Rummah lost to G. Lal and H. N. Wong 6-6; lost to J. Leonard and W. H. Lee 4-6; beat A. Kitchell and W. Howard 6-3.

W. O. Hooper and D. M. A. Razack lost to Lal and Wong 5-6; lost to Leonard and Lee 2-6; drew with Kitchell and Howard 6-6.

A. Rahim and I. Kitchell lost to Lal and Wong 2-6; lost to Leonard and Lee 6-0; beat Kitchell and Howard 6-2.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 25th May, 1940 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 16th May, 1940.

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VICTORY BID

Desperate Gamble By Hitler

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent learns that neutral circles in London regard the German invasion of Holland and Belgium as a desperate bid for victory before the Allies are able to develop their resources to the full.

German production and strength are at their peak while those of the Allies are growing every day.

To Take Big Risks
It is pointed out that like the bold gambler that he is, Hitler has determined to take big risks because the stake is immense. At the same time it is believed that the growing effectiveness of the Allied blockade, coupled with the Allies' constantly growing strength, must have undoubtedly been important contributory causes in influencing his decision.

Thanks to the element of surprise and treachery of "Fifth Column" activities, the Germans have had considerable initial success in Holland and to a lesser degree in Belgium. Their overwhelming superiority in strength compared with Holland and Belgium was bound to tell, especially as excessive scruples with regard to neutrality had prevented any co-ordination of plans between the Low Countries and the Allied Staffs.

Real Test To Come
The real test is yet to come when the main battle is engaged with the Allied forces. This will be the first real trial of the qualities of the new German army.

It is not believed by these neutral quarters that any result will be apparent for some days. Even then, it will be too early to talk of anything decisive but the reaction in south-eastern Europe will in any case, it is felt, be full of interest.

Big Pro-Ally Sentiment

U.S. Reactions To Nazi Invasions

WASHINGTON, May 14 (Reuter).—A wave of pro-Ally sentiment is sweeping the United States.

President Roosevelt's speech on Saturday, which was considered somewhat daring in certain political quarters, was actually surpassed by Mr. Cordell Hull's yesterday.

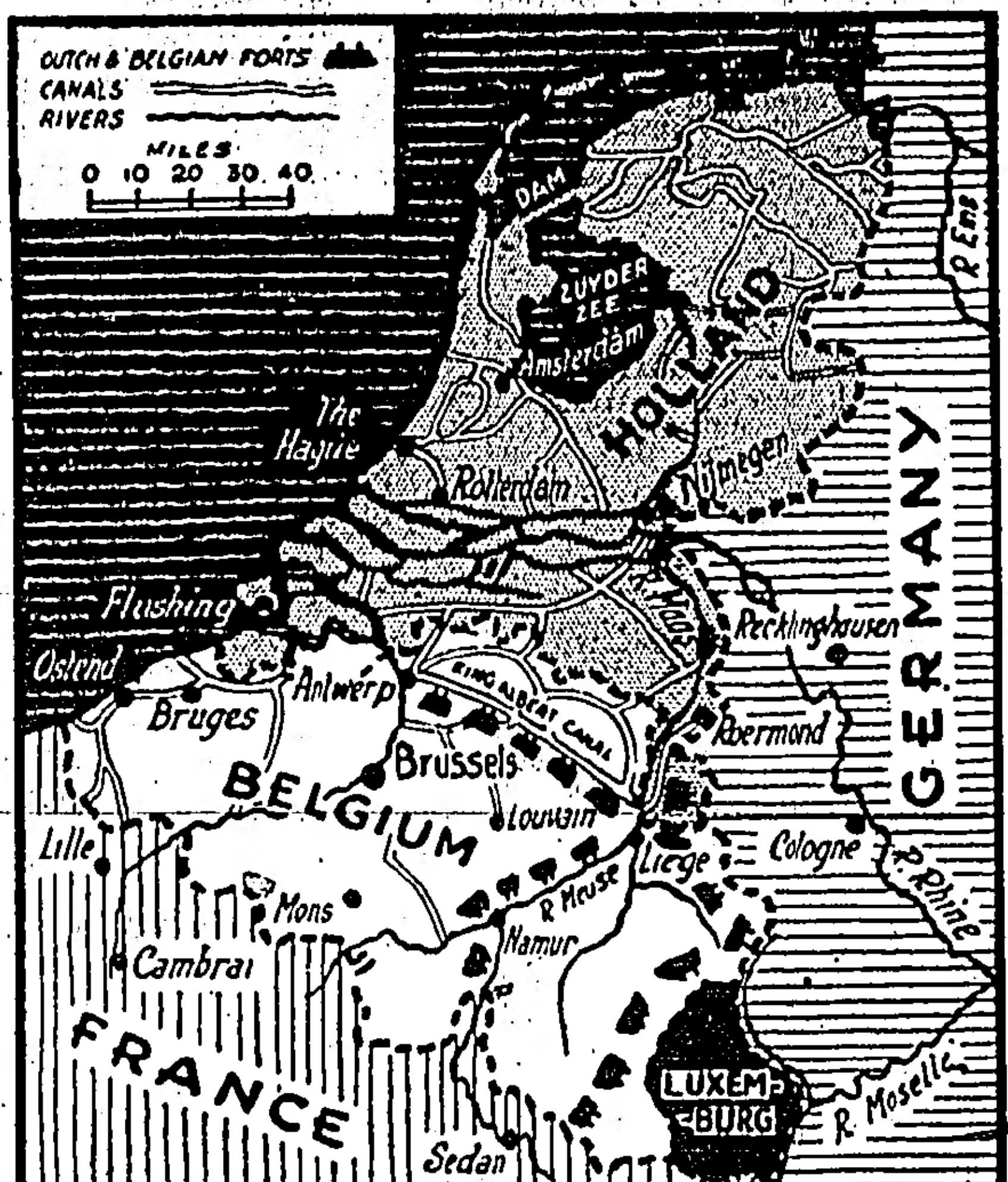
The announcement that the United States is willing to join other American republics in a protest to Germany over the invasion of the Low Countries is hailed here as a step in advance of either speech.

"This Is Not Enough"
The "Washington Star" says: "Mr. Cordell Hull has notified war-mad Germany that America henceforth is allied morally at least with the democracies battling for their lives, but this is not enough."

The paper calls for practical, tangible assistance for the Allies and cessation of "quibbling" about how and when payments for aircraft plant should be made. It says that the United States had far better make an outright gift of planes and guns to Britain and France.

President's Concern
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, May 14 (UP).—President Roosevelt regards the spreading of the war in Europe with extreme gravity.

This statement was made to-day by the President's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early.
"What we must do is to keep the arm from reaching out home," Mr. Early said.



THIS MAP illustrates the extent of the German advance. They have pushed eastwards from Luxembourg and now occupy the entire area west of the River Meuse. Liege is still holding out but Namur (in Belgium) and Sedan (in France) are reported to have fallen.

EARLIER REPORTS

ROTTERDAM FALLS, SAY GERMANS

Allies Deny Claim

BERLIN, May 14 (Reuter).—The German Army High Command announced: "Under the enormous effect of the attacks of German power-diver bombers and the imminent attack of armoured units, the city of Rotterdam has surrendered and has thus saved itself from destruction."

NO CONFIRMATION
LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—The claim that Rotterdam has surrendered lacks all confirmation.

Eden Asks For Volunteers

To Combat Parachute Troops Menace

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—Appealing for men to join local defence volunteers. Mr. Anthony Eden, the War Minister, referred to the German practice of dropping parachute troops behind the main defensive lines in Holland and Belgium.

He said the danger to Britain from this particular menace, although it undoubtedly existed, should not be exaggerated. They were confident that the Government's measures would be effective, but in order to leave nothing to chance and to supplement from sources hitherto untapped, means of defence were already arranged.

They wanted large numbers of men between the ages of 17 and 65 to offer their services in the new force.

Death Of Mr. R. McLay

Former Prominent H.K. Resident

The late Mr. Robert Montgomery McLay, formerly Hongkong manager of the National City Bank of New York, passed away at his home at East Croydon, England on May 12, at the age of 57.

Born 53 years ago at Uddington, Lancashire, he was educated at Glasgow University and served in 28 branches of the British Linen Bank before coming East in 1903 to join the International Banking Corporation.

That Bank was later assimilated by the National City Bank of New York and thereafter Mr. McLay spent most of his time in the Colony in his service.

St. Andrew's Chieftain
A keen soccer player in his younger days, he turned to golf in his later years. He retired from the banking business about a year ago and returned to England via America. He leaves a wife in England and a daughter, Mrs. W. Hewitt, whose husband is in the Hongkong office of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co.

Mr. McLay was an active member of the St. Andrew's Society in Hongkong and was chieftain during 1936-1937.

Beaverbrook Given Office

Becomes Minister For Aircraft Production

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, famous proprietor of the "Daily Express", and one-time crusader for a self-sufficient British Empire which could remain economically independent from the rest of the world, has been given an appointment in Mr. Churchill's new Ministry.

Lord Beaverbrook becomes Minister for Aircraft Production.

Other Appointments

Further major reshuffles in the Government announced from No. 10 Downing Street to-day were:

Secretary for the Dominions: Viscount Caccia-Cote.

Secretary of State for Scotland: Mr. Ernest Brown.

President of the Board of Education: Mr. Harold Ramsbotham.

Minister of Economic Warfare: Mr. Hugh Dalton.

Minister of Shipping: Mr. Ronald Cross.

Minister of Transport: Sir John Reith.

Minister of Agriculture: Mr. R. S. Hudson.

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster: Lord Hankey.

RECORD

—So far

March 1938.....	Austria
March 1939.....	Czechoslovakia
September 1939.....	Poland
April 1940.....	Norway
April 1940.....	Denmark
May 1940.....	Holland
May 1940.....	Belgium
May 1940.....	Luxembourg

Belgian Premier's Broadcast

Says Troops Still Resisting

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—Broadcasting on the military situation, M. Lubert Pierlot, the Belgian Prime Minister, said that since yesterday many attacks had been made at many points on the Belgian front.

Belgian troops resisted admirably and at the end of the day retained all positions.

Certain modifications were made in the dispositions of their troops in accordance with a plan of the High Command, but this was done following orders and without incident.

Situation Normal
There were more attacks this morning but none succeeded in piercing the Belgian lines.

The situation was normal. No parachutists had descended on Brussels yesterday or to-day.

The enemy yesterday bombed Namur, Antwerp and other places, and enemy planes pitilessly machine-gunned trains with civilians and refugees. He was afraid there had been a great number of victims among the population. The conditions recalled those of 1914.

M. Pierlot concluded by saying: "The hour will come when everything will be repaid. Let us keep our morale intact and our will firm as the hard struggle and the needs of the country demand."

OPPORTUNISM BY JAPAN LIKELY

British Interests In China Nervous

PEIPING, May 14 (Reuter).—Surmises that the Japanese might use the intensified European situation to create further difficulties for British interests in China would seem to receive support.

A statement from the Anti-British Society has appeared in the local press that the anti-British movement will be re-started shortly.

It is reliably reported that the Japanese military authorities here have unofficially approached Allied and Italian guard commandants to enquire what steps they proposed taking to prevent incidents between the guards in case Italy enters the war.

Allied Financial Agreement

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—The Treasury has announced that the British Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Belgian and French Finance Ministers have concluded a tripartite financial agreement whereby reciprocal financial facilities for settlement of their expenditures are granted to them.

France on the one hand and as between Belgium and the United Kingdom on the other hand.

This agreement is a token of the financial and monetary solidarity of the three countries with a view to their common victory.

HUGE AIRCRAFT PURCHASES

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—During the last four weeks, the Allies have bought about £50,000,000 worth of aircraft engines from the United States.

The Allied purchasing commission is now negotiating two large contracts.

Norway Campaign

ALLIED TROOPS LAND

New Situation In Narvik

LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—A War Office communique says:

"Allied forces made a successful landing at Bjerkvik, seven miles north of Narvik, suffering only a few minor casualties.

"Bjerkvik is in the rear of the German positions in the Gratangen area, where our forces made a successful attack at the same time. "An enemy detachment, which had landed at Hemnes was bombarded by a British warship. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy."

Successful Operations
PARIS, May 14 (Reuter).—A French communique says that in the region of Narvik in Norway, operations have been successfully carried out.

Nazi Transports Sunk
LONDON, May 14 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that since the beginning of May at least nine more German transport supply ships have been successfully attacked by British submarines off the coast of Norway.

The submarine operations are continuing.

Take Germans In Rear
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, May 14 (UP).—A communique issued by the War Office states that Allied forces have made a successful landing at Bjerkvik, seven miles north of Narvik.

This landing has permitted the Allies to take the Germans in the rear.

The landing was effected with only minor casualties.

British warships have bombarded and inflicted casualties on enemy detachments which landed at Hemnes.

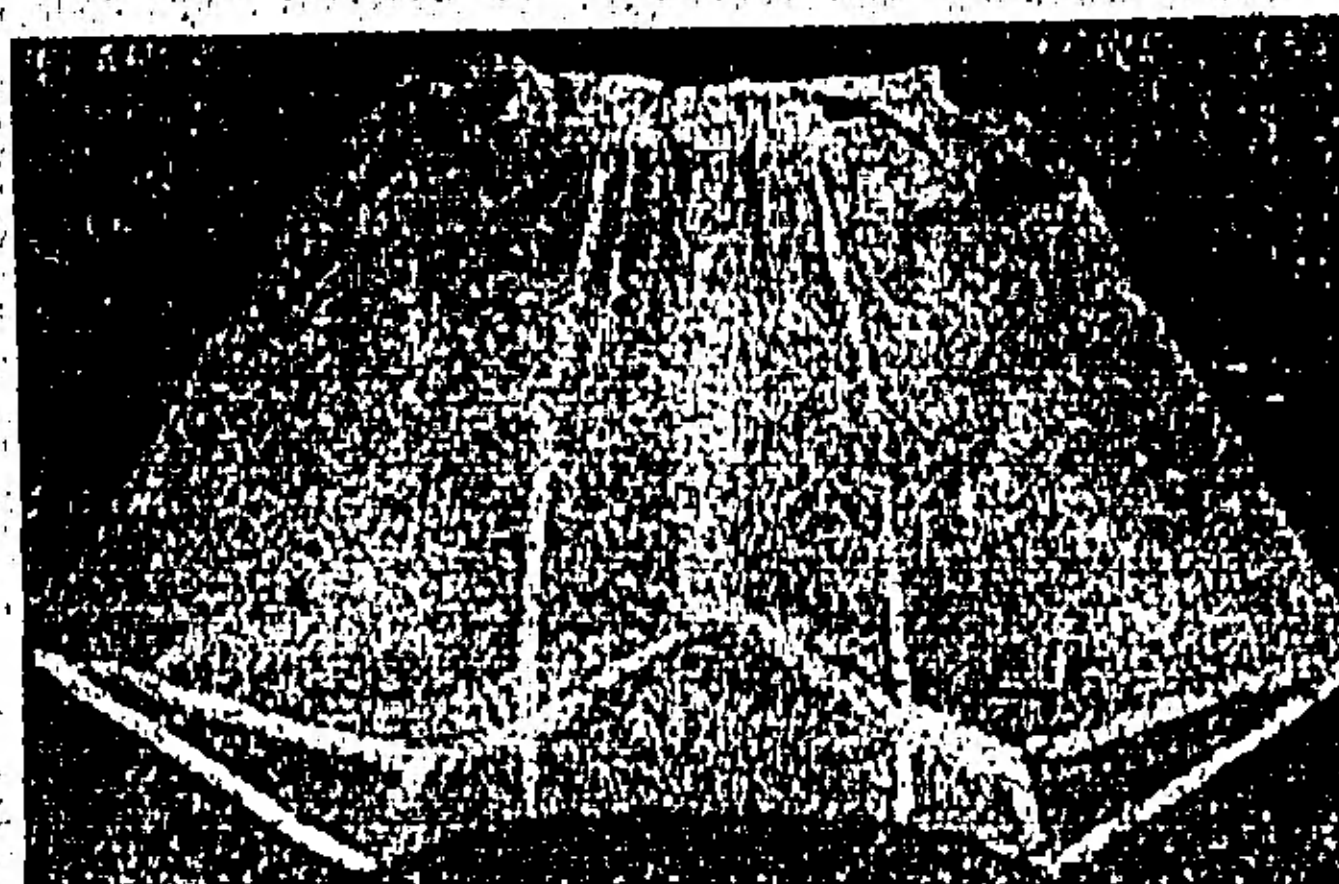
S.A. INVITATION TO DUTCH QUEEN

CAPE TOWN, May 14 (Reuter).—If it becomes necessary for Queen Wilhelmina and the Netherlands Royal family to find refuge in South Africa, the South African nation would regard it as a privilege to do something in return for the kindness extended to President Kruger.

This announcement was made by General Smuts, the Prime Minister, at a meeting of the Union Parliament to-day.

During the Boer War, it will be recalled, President Kruger was taken off by a Dutch warship and took refuge in Holland.

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- F1631 L'amour toujours l'amour.
- F1631 Over the rainbow. "Wizard of Oz"
- F1631 Where or When.
- F1631 Maria, my own. Rumba.
- F1631 Green eyes. Rumba.
- F1625 Harry Roy and Orch.
- F1625 Good morning.
- F1625 Are you havin' any fun.
- F1625 Rosita.
- F1625 You never miss the old faces.
- F1546 Man with the mandoline.
- F1547 We're gonna hang out the washing.
- F1548 We won't be long out there.

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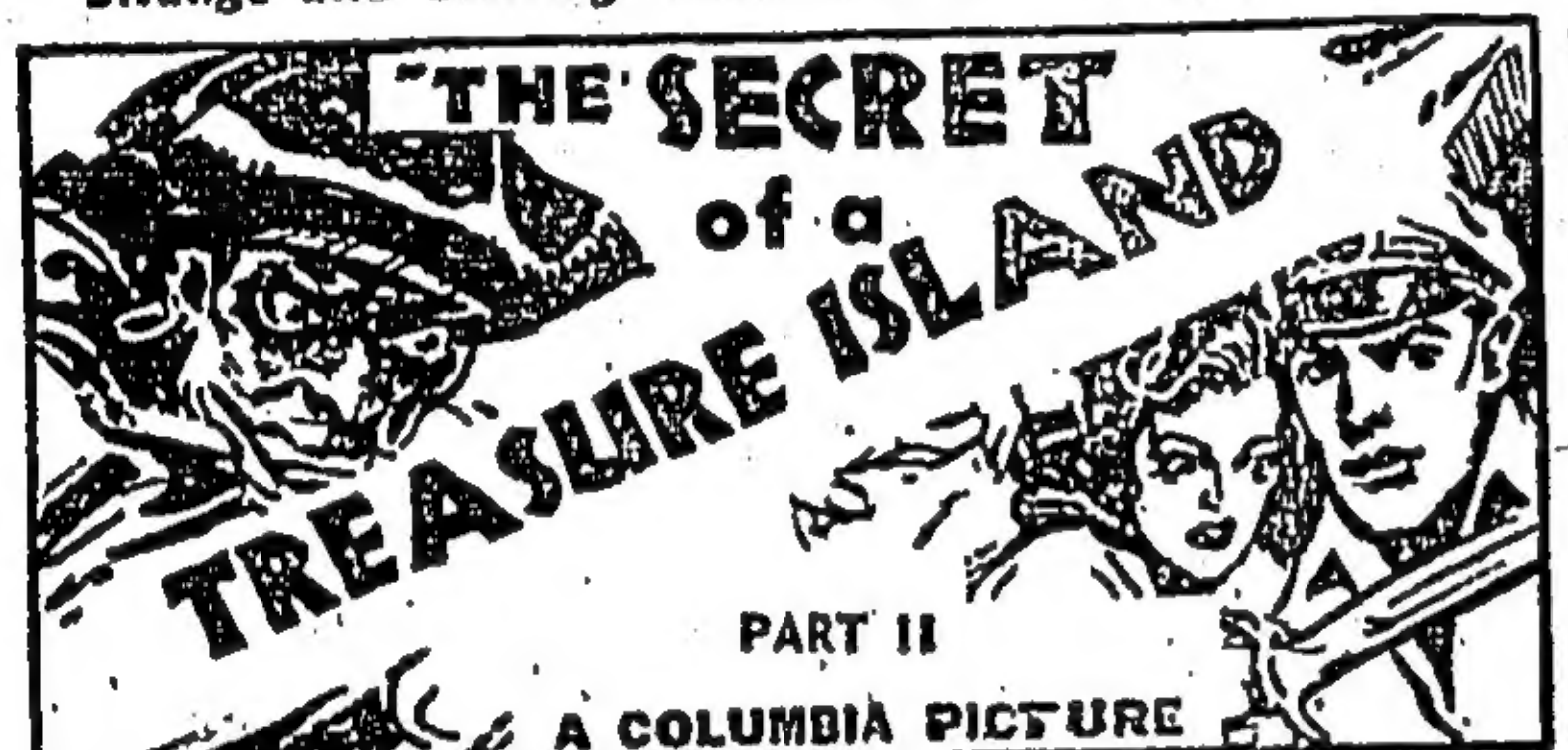
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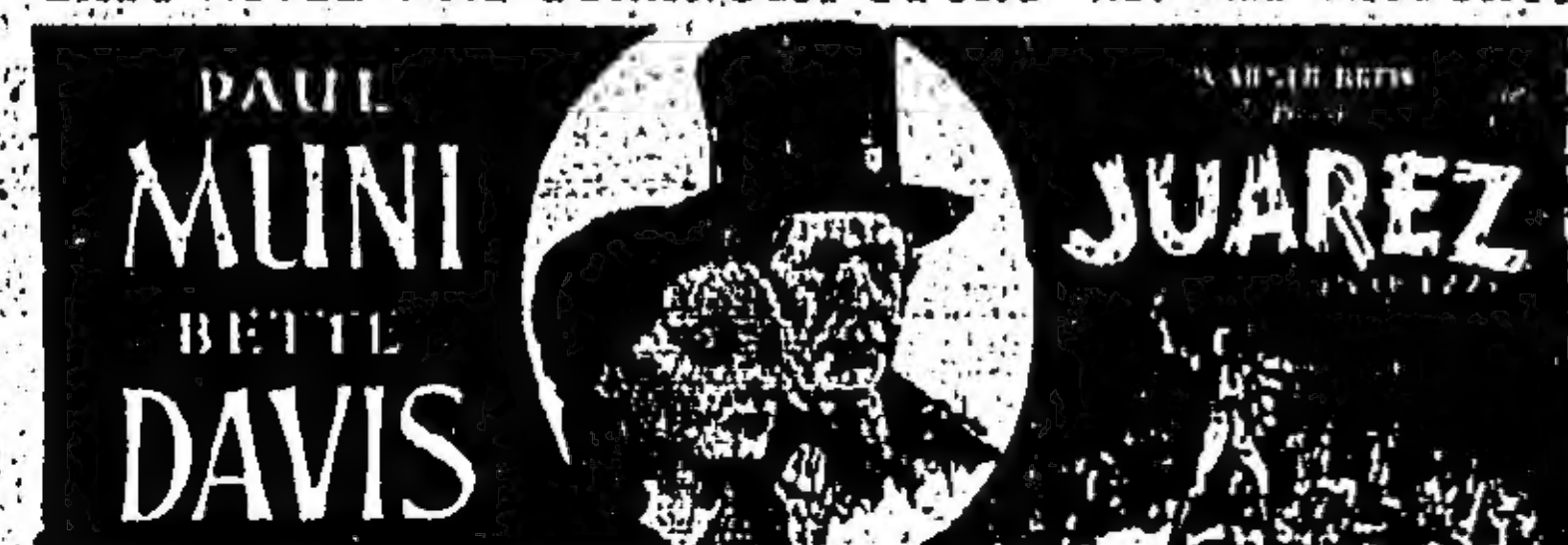


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UNCLE IS IN HONGKONG



Lieut. Com. J. H. Forbes, Commander of the submarine Spearfish, which torpedoed the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Scheer, is a nephew of Wing-Commander A.H.S. Steele-Perkins, the A.R.P. Director in Hongkong.

SUBMARINE REPORTED MISSING

Fate of Spearfish In Doubt

A "British Wireless" message this morning reported the loss of the British submarine Spearfish, commanded by Lieut. J. H. Forbes.

No confirmation of this message has been received from any other source, and the naval authorities in Hongkong believe that it should be treated with reserve.

The part of the "British Wireless" message regarding the Spearfish read as follows:

"Some details of the exceedingly heavy losses inflicted on the enemy in the sea passage between the Mainland and Scandinavia were revealed to-day by the Admiralty.

"Individual submarines have scored striking successes in harassing transport and supply ships.

"Among the exploits recorded is the torpedoing of the pocket battleship Admiral Scheer.

"This vessel fell to an attack by H.M. submarine Spearfish who, as already announced, must now be accounted as lost."

The message continues to give details of the exploit of the Spearfish in detail.

Uncle in Hongkong

By a singular coincidence, the "Telegraph" this morning reproduced the photograph above of Lieut. Commander J. H. Forbes, Commander of the Spearfish. Lieut. Cmdr. Forbes is a nephew of Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, A.R.P. Director in Hongkong.

When naval doubts of the authenticity of the "British Wireless" report were referred by the "Telegraph" back to Hongkong Radio Department, which receives the British Official reports from England and forwards them to newspapers, enquiries were made.

The Radio Department has confirmed that the report was received as sent. It is emphasized, however, that no previous reports of the loss of the Spearfish have been received through "British Wireless." Neither "United Press" nor "Reuter" have reported the loss of the vessel.

Safeguarding Emperor's Portrait

PARIS, May 14. (Domel).—The Japanese Imperial portrait was removed by Mr. Jiro Takase, Secretary of the Japanese Embassy at Brussels, from the Belgian capital to Paris by railway at 8 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Shigeru Kurayama, Japanese Ambassador, and other staff members of the Embassy and their families, however, are remaining behind in Brussels.

LATE NEWS

C. IN C.'S BROADCAST Rotterdam's Fate From Total War

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Dutch Commander-in-Chief, confirming in a broadcast his Order of the Day to the Dutch forces telling them to lay down their arms, said:

"We had no choice. We had decided to defend our country to the utmost but I, who received all the reports, knew that the utmost had been reached to-day. Our soldiers fought with incomparable courage but the fight was too unequal."

"They have fallen in tens of thousands. Our air force was so diminished that it was incapable of supporting the troops any longer."

"Other means of air defence had little effect, consequently the soldiers were exposed to destruction. Not only the soldiers but our civilians, including our women and children, fell victims to the enemy warplanes."

"Rotterdam has already undergone the dire fate which total war brings. Other cities would have undergone the same fate."

"The struggle was therefore stopped."

"For many in the Netherlands the news must have come as a shock, but I feel justified in the interests of the Dutch people in ordering the cessation of hostilities."

"I ask the Dutch people to have confidence in the future and to maintain order."

"Long Live the Queen. Long Live our Fatherland."

MESSAGE TO NAZI HIGH COMMAND

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Hilversum-Radio, broadcasting in German, has issued a message stated to be from the German Air Attache at The Hague, and addressed to Ribbentrop.

The message announces the surrender of the Dutch armed forces except those in Zealand, adding that the Dutch Commander-in-Chief requests the German High Command to send plenipotentiaries to The Hague to open discussions for the maintenance of security and order.

A further message which was broadcast explained that the Dutch troops in Zealand were not affected by the general laying down of arms because communications with Zealand have been interrupted.

America Condemns German Invasions

WASHINGTON, May 14. (Domel).—The United States is prepared to participate in a joint declaration condemning the German invasions of the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg, according to a United States notice addressed to the American countries to-day.

Japanese Legation Removing to London

LONDON, May 14. (Domel).—Following the removal of the Netherlands Government to London, the Japanese Legation at the Hague will also remove to London, with Mr. Ito Ichi, Japanese Minister, and other staff members expected to arrive here shortly.

Navy Will Keep On Fighting

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Netherlands Legation officials state that the Order of the Day of the Dutch Commander-in-Chief refers only to troops engaged in fighting. The order does not apply to Dutch naval units.

Some Japanese Evacuating London

LONDON, May 15. (Domel).—Some Japanese residents, including the families of officials stationed in London, are preparing to leave for Japan next month owing to the increasing dangers resulting from the sweeping German drive through the low countries, it is disclosed.

These Japanese will evacuate London in two groups, the first leaving by the N.Y.K. liner Hakusan Maru in early June and the rest by the Haruna Maru, which sails from England in mid-June.

The whole Japanese colony, however, will not be evacuated.

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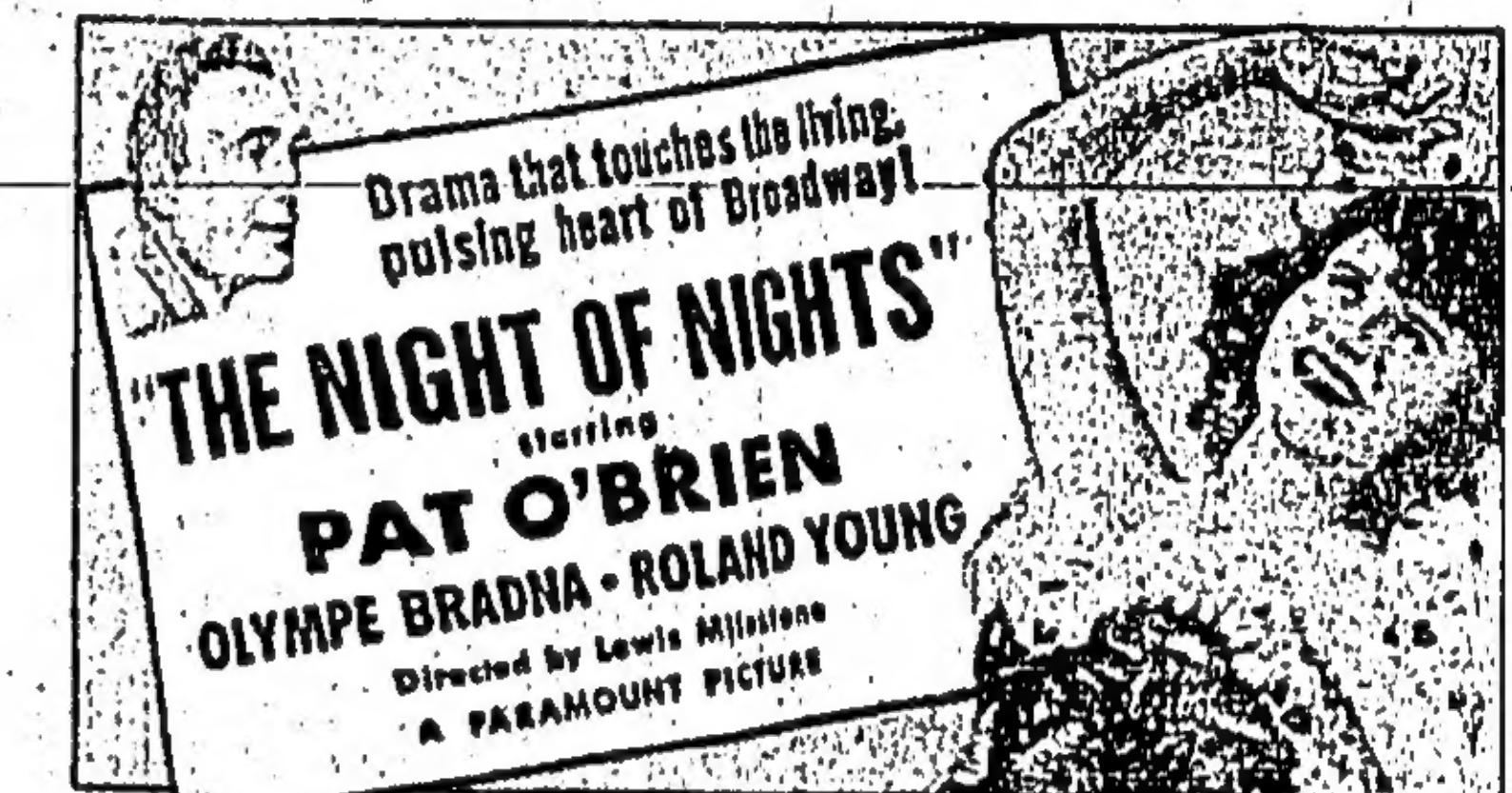
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